# NOVEMBER 2026

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# From the Vestry— A Reflection

## A Grateful Heart Amid the Changing Season

As the leaves finish dropping and the air turns crisp, November naturally invites us to slow down, look forward, and reflect. While the world outside begins racing toward the frantic pace of the winter holidays, our faith calls us into a deeper space: a season grounded in **stewarding our blessings, remembering our community, and thankfulness for our many blessings.**

Scriptures reminds us *in 1 Thessalonians 5:18*, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." This month, let us practice gratitude not just as a feeling but as a daily rhythm of the heart.

In this edition of our newsletter. We explore what it means to carry a grateful heart through times of transition and how we can find comfort and connection in the present moment.

Gratitude is often spoken of during this time of year, but practicing it in the midst of daily challenges requires intention. A grateful heart does not ignore life's difficulties; rather it looks for the glimmers of light and kindness.

Here are a few gentle practices to help ground you in gratitude this month:

**Morning Reflections**: Before reaching for your phone or diving into your daily tasks, take a minute to identify a single thing you are glad to experience today. It could be a friendly conversation.

**Acknowledging Small Joys**: Throughout the day actively look for micro-moments of beauty. The way the afternoon sun hits a room, a brief text from a loved one, or a moment of quiet focus can all be entry points for appreciation.

**Expressing Appreciation**: Make a conscious effort to tell someone why you value them. Writing a brief note, sending a thoughtful text, or telling a colleague or family member specifically what you appreciate about them.

**The changing season reminds us that we do not walk through transitions alone. Gathering with others, at church, sharing a simple meal, participating in a community project, or just enjoying a conversation, reminds us of the shared human experience. This month, we encourage you to check in on neighbors, reach out to old friends, and look for ways to offer a helping hand to those who might find the winter transition challenging.**

**Thank you for being a vital part of our parish family. Your presence and support, are among the things we are most grateful for.**

**Wishing you a peaceful, warm, and reflective November.**

**Vel Shreve**



# 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 a 12:30 pm lunch on November 9th at Kelly's Tavern, 1929 Centerville Turnpike. Chesapeake. 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 Ministry is still in need of additional help. We will welcome both women or men to join this ministry. You will be fully trained 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! If you would like to hear more about our responsibilities please contact Millie Coward 757-469-5887/m.jlc@cox.net or speak with any member of our team: Charlotte Corbett, Judy Eller, Josie Jimeno, Hilda Monte, Ashley Pierce, Vel Shreve and Alma Kelley.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** is still hard at work knitting, looming and crocheting for various organizations. In October we were able to complete and deliver 2 head bands, 8 scarves, 2 prayer shawls, 5 booties and 1 adult hat to JCOC, Advent Episcopal Church's clothes closet, and our own Prayer Shawl Ministry for distribution to members in need. Our membership is small but we work hard to furnish these items. Please consider joining us on November 3rd at 10:00 A.M. in the Diffenbaugh Library not only to share your talents but for 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/ m.jlc@cox.net. If you know of an organization that would benefit from our talents 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 consists of six members: Yvonne Authement, Liz Kress, Bob Vanderslice, Patsi Walton, Debbie Whitehorne and Vel Shreve.

We are still actively searching for a new rector for our parish. It is not unusual for the search process to take this long. Please be patient and supportive and keep us in your prayers. We will continue to keep you informed of our progress in The Call and Sunday bulletin.

Blessings, Vel Shreve




# Upcoming Local Diocesan Activities

Racial Healing Workshop, Emmanuel—Va.Beach—Nov. 14

**TIME**

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

**ABOUT**
Reflect on our experiences with race and its impact and recommit to the holy, life-long journey of racial healing in ourselves and the world.

While we encourage all to take this workshop, there are specific individuals and groups within our diocese who are required to complete it. Those individuals and groups include search committees, vestries and leadership boards (Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Executive Board, among others), diocesan staff, church staff, and clergy.

This is a day-long, in-person workshop. Lunch will be provided.

**ABOUT**
This is a day-long, in-person **Specialized Safe Church Training Workshop** at **Christ the King Church in Tabb**. Lunch will be provided.

**DATE**
Saturday November 7 2026 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Christ the King Episcopal Church
4109 Big Bethel Rd, Yorktown VA 23693

or

**DATE**
Saturday November 21 2026 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church
500 Court St, Portsmouth VA 23704

## EYC Fall Weekend

**November 6-8, 2026 | Chanco on the James**

Save the date for the Episcopal Youth Community Fall Weekend!

EPISCOPAL CURSILLO MINISTRY
RELATIONSHIP • EVANGELISM • RECONCILIATION

ULTREYA!

Come join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, prayer, music, and praise as we gather to celebrate the love of God in our lives.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Whether you are familiar with Cursillo, curious to learn more, or simply would like to experience an evening of music and praise of our Lord, we invite you to join us. Friday, December 4th
7:00 P.M.

 At Emmanuel in Kempsville, Va. Beach

Come as you are, bring a friend, and share in the joy of Christian fellowship!

## Ultreya! — Onward in faith!

**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.

## 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.*

*National Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Website

**Our next Cursillo weekend** will be May 13—16, 2027 at Chanco on the James. Courtney Wheeler from Ascension is the Lay Rector. Applications are being accepted for team and candidates.

Boys Home of Virginia

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www.boyshomeofva.org

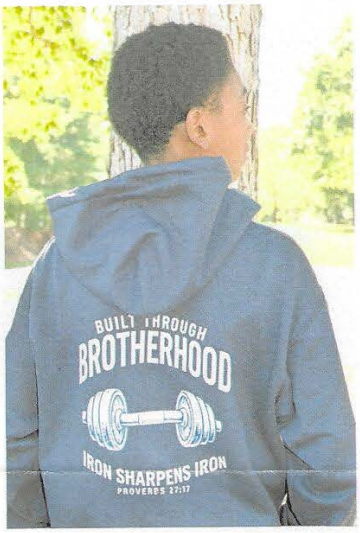
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Dear St. friends,

Thank you for your thoughtful gift of $100.00 to Boys Home of Virginia. As a new school year begins, we are excited to welcome new and returning students to the Boys Home of Virginia campus. This year, our community is united by the theme **Built Through Brotherhood**.

We hope this theme will inspire our students to empower and motivate one another as they grow academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. Throughout the year, they will be encouraged to find joy in supporting and "sharpening" each other—because just as iron sharpens iron, young men become stronger through encouragement, accountability, and shared experiences.




Your support reminds our students that the iron that sharpens them is not found only within themselves or among their peers and mentors on campus. It is also found in a caring network of donors and friends who believe in their potential and are cheering them on every step of the way. We hope the updates you receive throughout the year will paint a meaningful picture of how your gift works each day to strengthen every aspect of a young man's life.

Thank you for being an important part of the Boys Home community and for helping our students begin their first semester with confidence, purpose, and hope. Together, we are building young men through the lasting power of brotherhood.

With sincere gratitude,

Chris Doyle

Chris Doyle | Executive Director

*We acknowledge that Boys Home did not provide any goods or services to you in exchange for this contribution. Please keep this letter as a receipt for your records. Thank you. This contribution qualifies as a tax deduction under Section 501(C)(3) of the IRS Tax code.*




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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Holy Eucharist<br>8:00 A.M. Rite I<br>10:00 A.M. Rite II<br>10:00—Christian Ed.<br>ALL SAINTS DAY<br>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY BREAKFAST | 2 | 3 Prayer Shawl -10:00 A.M. in the library.<br>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M. | 4<br>Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M. | 5<br>Bible Study - 10:30 A.M. | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Holy Eucharist<br>8:00 A.M. Rite I<br>10:00 A.M. Rite II<br>10:00—Christian Ed.<br>The 24th Sunday after Pentecost<br>**VESTRY MEETING** | 9 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M.<br>**Day School Board Meeting - 6:00 P.M.** | 10<br>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M. | 11<br>VETERANS DAY -<br>OFFICE and DAY SCHOOL CLOSED | 12<br>Bible Study - 10:30 A.M. | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Holy Eucharist<br>8:00 A.M. Rite I<br>10:00 A.M. Rite II<br>10:00—Christian Ed.<br>The 25th Sunday after Pentecost<br>**Worship Committee Meeting** | 16 | 17<br>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M. | 18<br>Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M. | 19<br>Bible Study - 10:30 A.M. | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Holy Eucharist<br>8:00 A.M. Rite I<br>10:00 A.M. Rite II<br>10:00—Christian Ed.<br>The Last Sunday after Pentecost—Christ the King | 23 | 24<br>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M. | 25<br>**7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Service of Evening Prayer**<br>**Office and Day School Closed** | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Morning Prayer<br>8:00 A.M. Rite I<br>10:00 A.M. Rite II<br>10:00—Christian Ed.<br>The First Sunday of Advent | 30 | Dec. 1<br>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M. | Dec. 2<br>**ADVENT Bible Study**<br>6:00 P.M.-Pot Luck<br>7:00 P.M.-Study | Dec. 3 | Dec. 4<br>ULTREYA<br>Emmanuel Va.Beach | Dec. 5 |
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# MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS



**NOVEMBER 1 -**

Acolyte: Eric Evans

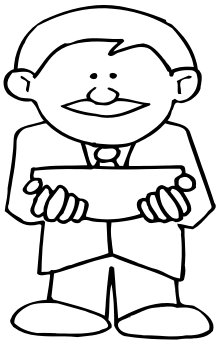
Ushers: Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno

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

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

Altar Guild: Millie Coward, Charlotte Corbett

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort



**NOVEMBER 8-**

Acolyte: Judy Eller

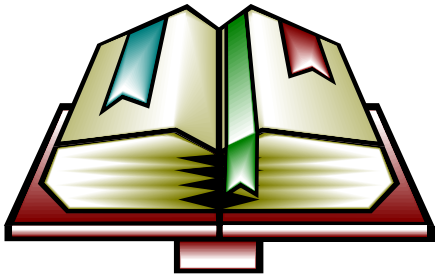
Ushers: Susan Sigler, Vicky Martin

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

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

Altar Guild: Hilda Monte, Vel Shreve

Flower Guild: Dot Pierce



**NOVEMBER 15-**

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

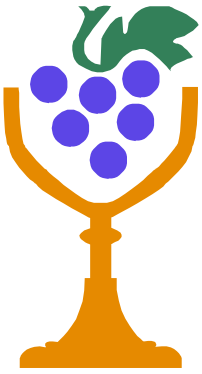
Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve

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

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

Altar Guild: Judy Eller, Josie Jimeno

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



**NOVEMBER 22-**

Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Steve Kakol

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

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

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Charlotte Corbett

Flower Guild: Jessica Trochanowski

**NOVEMBER 25—Thanksgiving Evening Prayer– 7:00**

Worship Leader—Linsey Shreve




**NOVEMBER 29–**

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

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

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

Altar Guild: Vel Shreve, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Dot Pierce

# NOVEMBER







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| Ricki Wright | 15th |
| Sandi Nash | 24th |
| Edward Klaus | 30th |

If we missed your anniversary, please let us know.

We would like to wish a belated "Happy Birthday" to the following! Their names were inadvertently dropped from the October Birthday List!

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| Janet Chauncey | 29th |
| Wendy Glaeser | 29th |
| Jonathan DeLoatche | 31st |

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.



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.

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

**Send articles to : laura@stpeters-norfolk.org**

# 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 un-opened). 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.

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| **BJ Neaves** | **Karen Kakol** | **Foster Spruill** |
| **Niko Miyashiro** | **Lois Deloatche** | **Haley G.** |
| **Jessica T.** | **Patsi Walton** | **Mary Johnston** |
| **Wanda Smith** | **Kathy Vanderslice** | **Mary Robson** |
| **Robyn Klaus** | **Edward Klaus III** | **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** | **Joan Crowther** | **Mike Jones** |
| **Denise McCue** | **Bert Truxell** | **Barbara LaDue** |
| **Dianne McKnight** | **Christine Alexander** | **Bob Alford** |
| **Krista Itzen** | **Yvonne Authement** | **Pam Standish** |
| **Joan Wilson** | **Barbara Bowser** | **Bill Naylor** |
| **Easton Young** | **Lisa Stanfield** | **Elaine Copeland** |
| **Francis Williams** | **Leslie Nelson** | |

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| **Debbie H. & Alf Flowers** | **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** |
| **Hunter/Chapman Families** | **Massey Family** |









## November 2026

**November 1** **Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement**
**All Saints Day**

**November 8** **Debbie Whitehorne, Josie Jimeno**
**Solomon Builds the Temple 1st Kings**

**November 15** **Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser**
**David & Goliath 1st Samuel**

**November 22** **Debbie Whitehorne, Josie Jimeno**
**Manna, Quail and Water Exodus16 & 17**

**November 29** **Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement**
**Mary and Martha Luke 10**







# All Saints Day

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## "THE CALL"

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