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## A reflection from the Sr. Warden

### What Does God Really Want from You?

I heard about a missionary in a foreign country who led a man named Pablo to the Lord. Pablo was a poor farmer, and the missionary asked him, "Pablo, if you had 100 sheep, would you give 50 to the Lord?"

"Of course," Pablo said.

"Okay. What if you had 50 cows? Would you be willing to give 25 of those cows to the Lord?"

And Pablo said, "Yes, sir!"

"Well, what if you had two pigs? You'd give one to the Lord, wouldn't you?"

And Pablo said, "Well, that's not a fair question. You know I have two pigs!"

That's kind of the way we are, isn't it? In theory, we're the most generous people in the world. We say things like, "You know, if I made a million dollars, I'd give so much of it away. Think of all the good I could do!" But then you talk with people who make a million dollars, and you see that most of them have the same struggles with giving as the person who makes \$30,000.

That's because giving has a lot less to do with what's in your bank account than it does with what's in your heart.

You see, when most people give to the Lord, they tend to go cheap. And I think this is rooted in the fact that God is not flesh and blood like we are—He's invisible. That means we don't have to look Him in the eye when we bring Him an offering. So it's "out of sight, out of mind." <sup>1</sup>

### Presiding Bishop:

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

### Diocesan Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

#### Parish Administrator:

Laura Kallestad

#### Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

#### Treasurer:

Charlie Pfeifer

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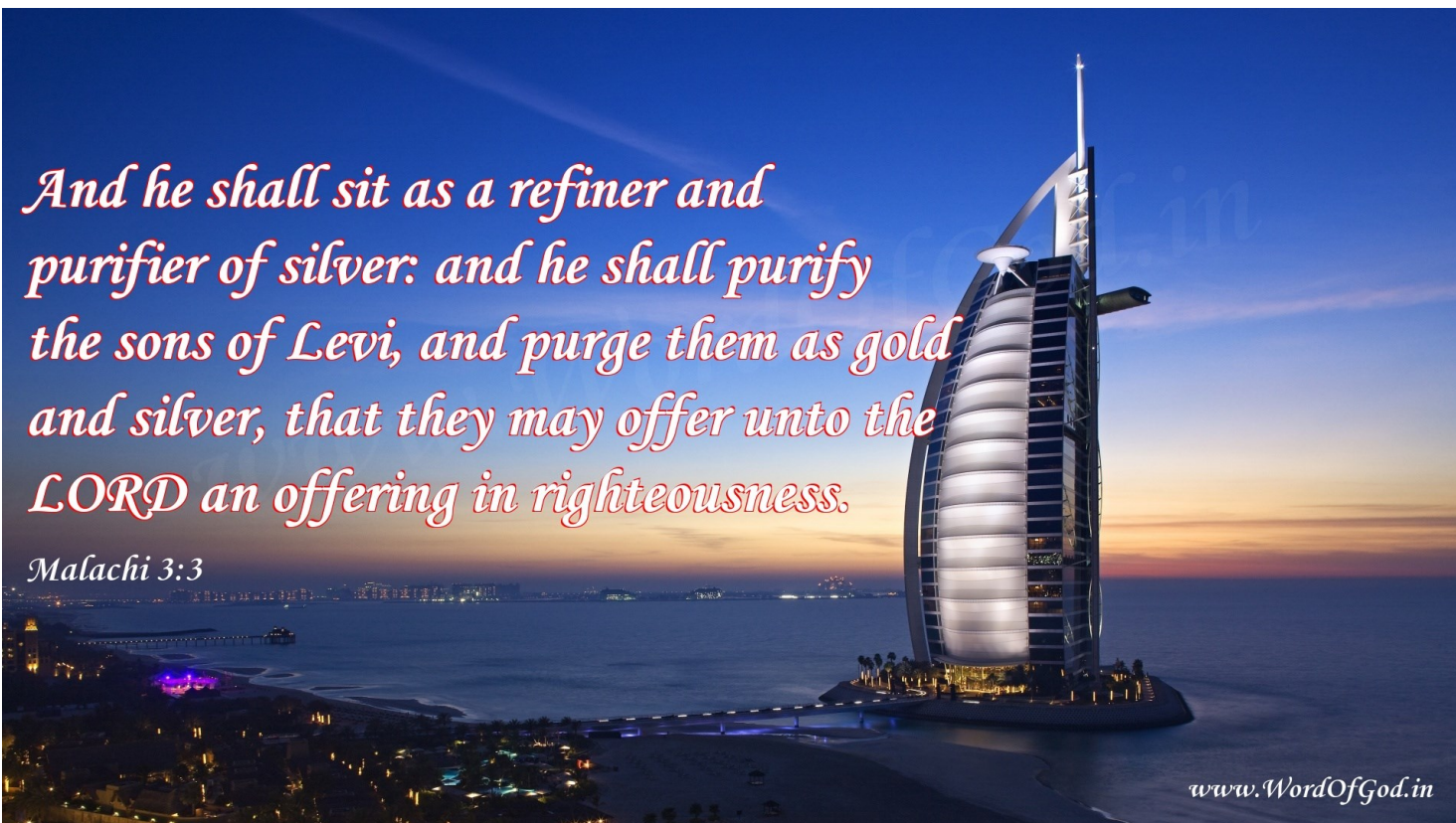
That was the problem in Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament. The people in Malachi's day were going cheap with God—because they didn't really hold Him in very high regard. The Lord says in [Malachi 1:7-8](#)...

“You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, ‘How have we defiled You?’ In that you say, ‘The table of the LORD is to be despised.’ But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?” says the LORD of hosts.

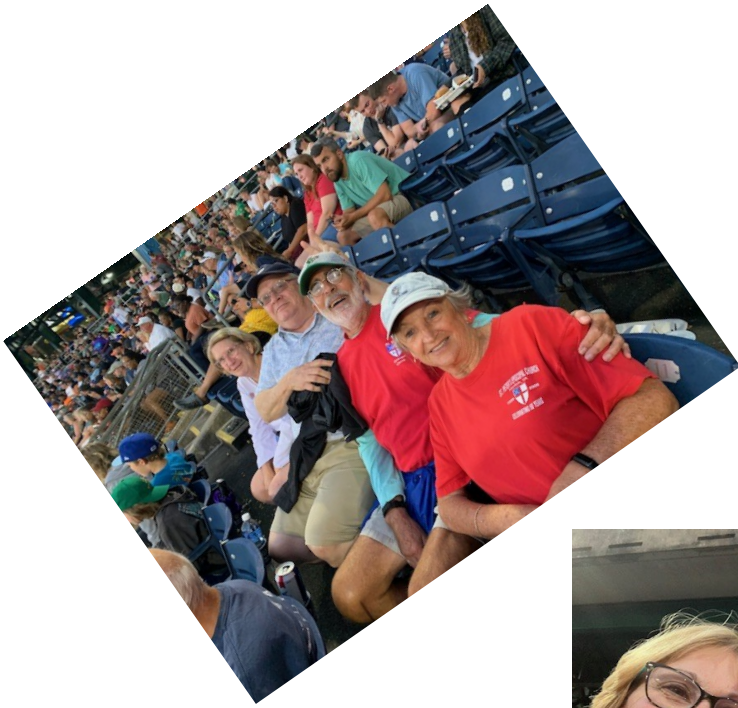
The people of Israel were thinking, Hey, God really doesn't care what we give Him. Let's just sacrifice our rejected animals—the crippled and the blind ones. The Lord responds, “Try giving a trash gift like that to your governor and see how happy he is with it!”

Our God is an awesome King—far greater than any worldly ruler. Yet all too often, we fall into the habit of giving Him our scraps so we can keep the good stuff for ourselves. But when you begin to give from your heart—with the attitude of making every gift your best—you learn what it truly means to live beyond yourself. And that's what God really wants!

-From His Heart Ministries







St. Peter's representing at the Tides Games! August 2024

Ladies Luncheon August, 2024 - welcoming old friends and new!



# 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. At 12:30 P.M. on September 9th please join us at Wicker's Crab Pot, 4201 Indian River Road Chesapeake. 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. In August we had a wonderful time with 13 attending. What fun that was! So come with us in September to share this wonderful fellowship we enjoy. For more information contact Millie Coward cell (757) 469-5887/[m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).

**The Altar Guild** has been blessed by having two new members join, Josie Jimeno and Hilda Monte. We so appreciate having them on our team. This, however, doesn't mean we aren't looking for more to help us out in this ministry. We are still looking for any man, woman or young person that is confirmed in the Episcopal Church to join this ministry. We welcome you to help prepare the altar for celebrations of worship such as weddings, baptisms, funerals and Sunday services. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Millie Coward, (757)469-5887/[m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**- We are pleased to say, Hilda Monte will be joining us in our endeavor to provide organizations with shawls, baby and preemie hats, baby blankets, scarves, adult hats, chemo caps, breast prosthesis, washcloths and soap sacs. We meet once a month at in the Diffenbaugh Library. We are reconvening on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 A.M., after taking a short summer break. If you would like to help us supply these much needed items or learn how to knit, crochet, or loom please join us at our meeting in September. 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 give me a call and I will be happy to pick them up for distribution to the various organizations. For more specifics please contact Millie Coward, cell (757) 469-5887/ [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net)



**Acts Of Kindness** members have been purchasing items for St. Peter's Summer Camp children. We met on 8/13/24 to fill 22 colorful bags with a coloring book, crayons, bubbles, pencil, gummies, a candy ring, stickers, and a pack of sidewalk big chalk. We also provided 8 gift bags of "fish" crackers, and bubbles to the two-year olds. We praise God for the generosity of St. Peter's from our previous fund raisers which has allowed us to continue to provide acts of kindness for the past two years! Now be on the lookout for news of future fundraising efforts to be announced soon.

**Bible Study** is meeting on Thursdays at 10:30 A.M., in the Diffenbaugh Library. Bruce Comfort leads this Bible study on the Gospel of John. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and don't forget to bring a friend.



**Cursillo** - So, you think your faith is strong and you don't need anyone to make it a deeper relationship? You are right, no one can make you but, a Cursillo weekend will entice you to go deeper and more fully than you could imagine possible. Men's and women's small group meetings are held in the library and meeting room every Wednesday evening at 6:00 P.M. Anyone can attend these meetings; and whatever might be said in the meetings, stays in the meeting for **all our privacy**. We can and will answer all the questions you may have regarding Cursillo and the weekends. It is **not** a secret society and we do **not** have any "rituals" that can't be talked about. The weekend is Christians coming together for 3 days, 3 nights and delving deeper into our relationship and walk with and for Christ. We are called to be His hands and feet in this world! The next weekend will be the first weekend in October and the Rector (leader) for the weekend is Ann Butler from Old Donation.



**The Search Committee** continues its search for a new rector for our parish. All necessary paperwork has been sent to the diocese, who, in turn, send it to interested candidates. We will keep you informed on our progress, in issues of *The Call* and the Sunday bulletin. Blessings, Vel Shreve, Search Committee Chair





**When: Sunday, September 15**

**Time: 10:00am**

**Join us as we welcome the new Sunday School year! There will be ice cream, games and prizes. Bring a friend!**

**Nursery will be available for our youngest ones.**



# Boys Home of Virginia



**Boys Home**  
of Virginia

Coming to worship on Sunday, September 22, 2024

## Why Support Boys Home?

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### **Nearly 100% of our support comes from private funding.**

The young men who live at Boys Home depend on people like you. The majority of our contributions come from individuals, organizations, churches, and foundations.

### **Boys Home offers:**

- Tuition assistance—no one is turned away due to their inability to pay.
- A supportive school environment
- Caring adult supervision
- Focus on instilling our values of respect, spirituality, integrity, and accountability

**Opportunities for fun, growth, and exploration**

### **For more than 100 years, Boys Home has demonstrated:**

- Financial responsibility
  - Ability to adapt to the changing needs of our population
  - Consistent, values-based programming
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### **Other ways to help:**

[Earn tax credits:](#) Boys Home participates in the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), which provides state tax credits for select contributions. Boys Home also participates in the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits Program, which provides tax credits for donations that provide scholarships for Boys Home students.

[Car Donations:](#) Donate your used car, motorcycle, or RV to benefit the young men in our care.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 15th Sunday after Pentecost	2 	3  8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	4	5 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	6	7
8 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 16th Sunday after Pentecost <b>Grandparents Day</b>	9 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M. Vestry Meeting 7:00 P.M.	10 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	 Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.	12 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	13	14
15 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 17th Sunday after Pentecost <b>Sunday School Rally Day</b>	16 Day School Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	17 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	18 Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.	19 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	20	21
22 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 18th Sunday after Pentecost <b>First Day of Autumn</b>	23	24 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	25 Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.	26 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	27	28
29 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 19th Sunday after Pentecost	30	<p><b>The Prayer Shawl Ministry will return to in-person gathering September 3rd at 10:00 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>Sunday School will begin again at 10:00 A.M. on September 15th.</b></p>				

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

### SEPTEMBER 1 -Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Eric Evans

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, 10:00 - Lynne Monette

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild: Dot Pierce, Vel Shreve

Flower Guild: Jessica Trochanowski

### SEPTEMBER 8—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

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

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice,10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild: Jessica Trochanowski, Judy Eller

Flower Guild: Dot Pierce

### SEPTEMBER 15 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Greg Evans, Jim Jimeno

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, 10:00 - Greg Evans

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

Altar Guild: Millie Coward, Lynne Monette

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno

### SEPTEMBER 22—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Greg Evans

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler, 10:00 - Jeffrey Pfeifer

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

Altar Guild: Jessica Trochanowski, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort

### SEPTEMBER 29 — Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Nancy Comfort

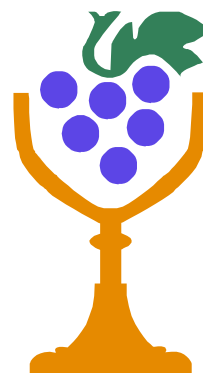
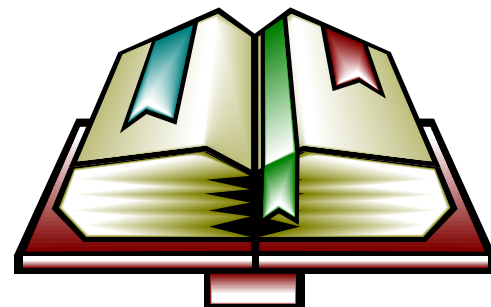
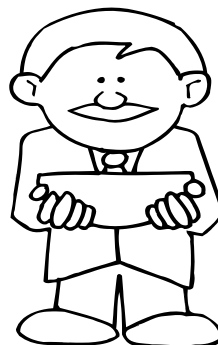
Ushers: Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno

Lector: 8:00 - Jeffrey Pfeifer, 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Charlie Pfeifer, 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Ashley Pierce

Flower Guild: Hilda Monte





# S E P T E M B E R

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings are on the 1st Sunday of the month at both the 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. services.**

**happy birthday**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Jody Baggett	3rd
Marlissee Snuffin	6th
Justine Winder	16th
Laura Kallestad	16th
Yvonne Lambeth	18th
LeeAnne Wright	21st
Danny Nowland	21st
Robert Truxell	23rd
Hunter Johnson	28th
Luke & Reid Walton	29th

If we missed your special date, please let the office know (757)466-9392.

If you want to stay informed of church activities and updates, consider joining **St. Peter's REMIND** group. All you have to do is send a text message from your phone. Reminders and alerts will be sent to you on your phone .....it is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

- (1) **Text To Number:** 81010
- (2) **Include this Message in the comments:** @3c6efe8
- (3) **Then press:** SEND.



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

The website helps to **eliminate mistakes** that could hinder the ordering of flowers.

There is also a **Flower Chart** located in the vestibule as you enter the parish hall.

Either way, the price stays the same, \$50 per Sunday or \$25 if two people share the date.

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

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

## 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 - Linsey Shreve ('25)**

**Jr. Warden - Debbie Whitehorne ('24)**

**Judy Eller ('24), Charlie Pfeifer ('24), Liz Kress ('25), Peggy Pfeifer ('25), Vel Shreve ('26), and Charlotte Corbett ('26)**

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.

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
Karleen Smith	Dewey Radford	Barbara LaDue
Luanne Cattley	Mary Robson	Robyn Klaus
Roger Bowser	Sarah Kakol	Charlotte Corbett
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	Shelly-Ann Tenia	Bert Truxell
Teri Stephenson	The Rev. Canon Ross Wright	
Christine Alexander	Krista Itzen	Pam Standish
Temperance Robinson	Holly Robinson	James Boyd
Rachael McIntosh	Tom Lambert	Susie Manning
Julie Trzecki	Bob Alford	
Eddie & Lisa Stanfield	Paul & Lee Nelson	
Bruce & Nancy Comfort	Clay & Wanda Smith	
Charlie & Leslie Pereira	Debbie & Kenny	
Jack & Dianne McKnight	Myles & Family	
Brian & Brenda Hallman	Jodi & Sean McGinty	
Kathy & Tim Sarver	Mary & Larry Laine	
Dee & Glen Smith	Wade & Karen Freidt	

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

**Opening:** The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library on July 8, 2024. Attending the meeting in person were Fr. Jim Hunter, Vel Shreve, Linsey Shreve, Judy Eller, Charlotte Corbett, Debbie Whitehorne, and Charlie Pfeifer, and Peggy Pfeifer via Zoom. Liz Kress was absent. This meeting began with Evening Prayer at 6:55 P.M.

**Agenda:** A motion to accept the Agenda was made by Charlie Pfeifer, Vel Shreve seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** The minutes from June 10, 2024, were approved with a motion from Judy Eller and seconded by Linsey Shreve. It was passed by acclamation.

**Financial Report:** Charlie presented May's Financial Report. A motion from Vel Shreve to accept the financial report was made and seconded by Jim.

**Rector's Report:** On June 12<sup>th</sup>, Jim hosted the final Day School Graduation program and presented to Connie Townsend an honorary title of "Teacher Emeritus" upon her retirement at school's end. She was also presented with a check from donations made to the church on her behalf. She is retiring after 30 years as our Day School Kindergarten teacher. Fr. Jim brought communion to Mr. & Mrs. Laine. He also made a pastoral call on Ms. Alexander.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Linsey Shreve reported that she did not have much to report. There was an inquiry by S. L. Nusbaum looking for facilities for a group which would require much more than we are able to provide including overnight accommodations.

**Junior Warden:** Nothing that is not covered under "Old Business"

### **New Business:**

**Coffee Hour:** Fr. Jim discussed Jeannine's concerns that the coffee hour following the services continue while they are gone.

### **Old Business** –

1. Yard Maintenance – several bushes need to be removed or cut back to improve safety and lessen the cost of maintaining them. The bushes identified were the two on either side of the day school walkway and the one beside the sidewalk leading to the office. The cost of all three being trimmed back and allowed to regrow is \$300.00 and if we have them removed the cost is \$450.00. Fr. Jim made the motion that all three be removed, Charlie seconded, and it passed in a 6-2 vote.
2. Boys Home, Covington - will be explored later.
3. Schwab Bank - Charlie will do more investigating. It has been tabled for now.



Vestry Meeting Minutes cont.

July 8, 2024

4. Red T-Shirts – still have them out. Approximately \$10.00 has been donated. 15 or so remain.
5. Lead testing has been completed and we passed.
6. Electrical Issues in the Day School and Church – waiting on money.
7. Day School Door and Plumbing – in progress.
8. Buildings and Grounds Grant Guidelines – Judy Dobson – Charlie will see her next week to discuss.
9. Dominion Energy Efficiency Service – excellent report and shows a lot of work that was accomplished.
10. Painting of Doors – Dan Smith – still delayed due to Mr. Smith’s physical incapacity.
11. Termite Damage – another item that we are waiting on money to accomplish.
12. Employee Retention Credit – this is the money several projects are waiting on and we have not received an update. Charlie will call for an update when he returns to the States.

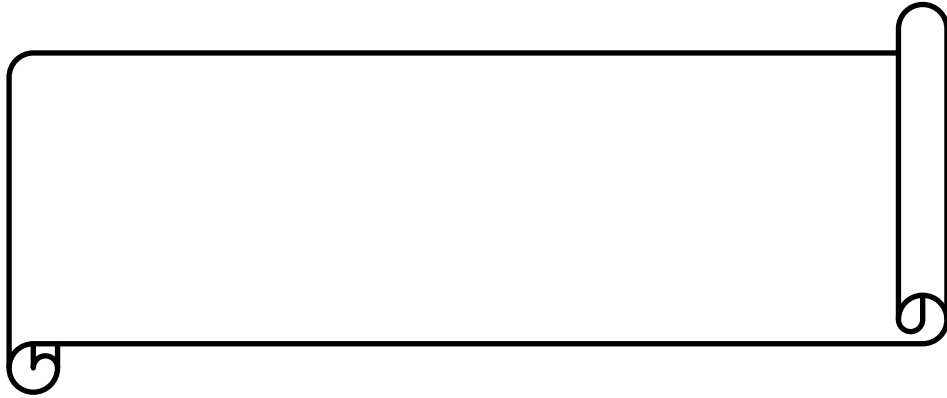
The next Vestry meeting will be August 12, 2024.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with the remainder of the Evening Prayer service and then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kallestad

Registrar



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# “THE CALL”

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

## SEPTEMBER 2024

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*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.*



**Celebrate**

*the work of our hands*

**Labor Day**

**REMEMBERING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

