

# APRIL 2016

## **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

*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.*

- 3rd.....Staff Meeting, 11:30am
- 5th.....Prayer Shawl Meeting, 7pm
- 6th.....Cursillo Grouping, 6:15pm  
Co-Ed Bible Study 7:15pm
- 7th.....Finance Meeting, 7pm
- 10th.....Vestry Meeting, 11:30am
- 14th.....Day School Board Meeting, 7pm
- 15,16,17th.....Men's Cursillo Weekend
- 29,30,31st.....Women's Cursillo Weekend

“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”

## **“THE CALL”**

### **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

224 S. Military Highway  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
Phone: 757-466-9392



# APRIL 2016

Join us for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on the first Sunday of the month

## Happy Birthday

## Happy Anniversary

Chudacek, Janet	2nd
Midgette, Roland Jr.	4th
Johnson, Greg	7th
Wells Jennifer	10th
Sigler, Abigail	11th
Fry, Anthony	11th
Morgan, Janet	12th
Weisiger, Amanda	12th
Belote, John	13th
Laine, Larry	13th
Antonik, Tony	17th
Monette, Allen	19th
Glaeser, Haley	23rd
Sasser, Valerie	23rd
Ekberg, Ann	25th
Eidam, Stephanie	25th
Morrison, Elizabeth	26th
Olliges, Barbara	27 <sup>th</sup>
King, Corrin	28 <sup>th</sup>
Truxell, Kimberly	29 <sup>th</sup>
Diffenbaugh, Jonathan	30 <sup>th</sup>

Kallestad, Laura & Michael	4/3/93
Belote, Florence & Howard	4/4/59
Wright, Leanne & Rickie	4/25/87
Sanderlin, June Faye & Joe	4/27/57
Walton, Patsi & Joe	4/28/62

### ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV</b>
<b>Rector</b>	<b>The Rev. John M. Eidam</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Vel Shreve</b>
<b>Music Director</b>	<b>Joyce Baker</b>
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	<b>Randy Trevethan</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Carolyn King</b>
<b>Sexton</b>	<b>Kevin Bates</b>

### VESTRY MEMBERS

Charlie Pfeifer	-	Sr. Warden	('16)
John Chudacek	-	Jr. Warden	('16)
Judy Eller	('16)	Bruce Comfort	('18)
Cathy Midgette	('16)	Nancy Comfort	('18)
Ana Nowland	('17)	Isaac Weisiger	('18)

### EASTER PLANTS

If you gave one of the Easter plants, please make your \$8 check out to St. Peter's Church and write "Easter Plant" on the memo line. Thank you.



**The deadline for articles for the May issue of The Call is: April 15th**

**The "Feed The Hungry" Ministry** We work with Blankets for the Homeless" supplying lunches, sweets, water, fruit and drinks. If you would like to join our ministry, or make a meal or monetary donation, please contact Ricki Wright at (757)724-0594 or email ricki-wright@cox.net

Please bring your donated items to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you for your support of this very important ministry.

The "Blankets for the Homeless" ministry folks would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Thank you!

**Men's Bible Study**— Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM. The men are studying the Book of Isaiah. The 8th Century prophet Isaiah prophesied during the reign of four ancient kings of Judah. His message from God to the leaders and the people of that time is important for us to hear today. The group begin meeting again on January 5th

**Women's Bible Study**—The Women's Bible Study group meets each Wednesday at 1PM in the Diffenbaugh Library. They are studying the Book of Mark.

**The Intercessory Prayer Group** Meet Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Diffenbaugh Library. If you are unable to attend any Sunday, you may request the group pray for you or your loved one by writing on a prayer card and placing it in the Prayer Box on the table in the parish hall or in the Narthex. All prayers are kept confidential within the group.

**Men's & Women's Cursillo Grouping** meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:15PM beginning Wednesday, April 6th.

**Co-ed Bible Study** begins Wednesday, April 6th at 7:15PM. The study is yet to be determined. Everyone is invited. They meet in the Diffenbaugh Library. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

**THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The group now meets on the first Tuesday of each month, not the third Tuesday as in previous months. This month they meet Tuesday, April 5th, at 7pm in the Diffenbaugh Library. They knit, crochet and loom. All are welcome to join them.

Bring your needles, hooks and looms. There are needles and yarn for you to practice with. They make hats and scarves for the homeless, baby hats, and sweaters for World Vision.

For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.



*Please keep these people in your prayers*

June Faye	Laurie	Sandy
B.J.	Sebastian	Shirley
Nikko & Family	Nancy	Christine
Lois	Fred	Chelsea
Phil	Nancy & David	Christian
Patsi	Maria	Mary Lou
Carole	Leslie	Melissa
Tom & Family	Hannah	Brian
Xander & Family	Connie	Hazel
John	Joan	Leslie
Johnny & Nancy	Al & Millie	Norman
Debbie & Kenny	Donna	Chad
Angie & Peter	David	Stephen
Millie	Katie	Cheryl
Tammy	Joyce	Alison
Joe	Oral	Rod
Brenda	Dana	Kevin
Paul	Joe	Susie

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, please sign the Flower Chart in the vestibule. Sign your name beside the Sunday you wish to give. You may also call the church office at 466-9392.



The altar flowers are \$70 weekly, or \$35 when two families give on the same Sunday.

The 2016 flower chart is on the wall in the vestibule, between the parish hall and the church. Sign up for the Sunday you would like to give flowers.

**St. Peter's Softball team** is 'gearing up' for the new season. If you are 18 years of age or older and would like to be on our co-ed softball team, please sign the list in the parish hall. Games are double headers played on Friday evenings. For more information contact the coach, Steve Kakol, at 482-5071.



**GOD BLESS ALL OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AT HOME AND AWAY**

Below is a list of men and women serving in the Armed Forces of our country. Our intention is to pray for them each week during Intercessory Prayer. We also encourage you to place this list in your home so that you can pray for these people daily. If you would like to have the name of a loved one added to the list (or deleted), please call the church office 466-9392

Scott	Darian	Will	Kyle	Jason	Eddie
Andy	Robbie	Bryan	John	Rick	Justin
Matt	Todd	Andrew	Hugo	Nick	Charles
Daniel	Justin	Chris	Kambiz	Dwayne	Greg
Carl Jr.	Dave	Charles	Francisco	Will	Grant
Mike & Mark	Steven	Wesley	Bryan	Bianca	Shannon

**All types of clothing is needed at the Veteran's Hospital**

Please donate your gently used clothing to the VET's. Bring them to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you!



The Veteran's Hospital is **no longer collecting magazines or books.**

Thank you for your past donations

**SUPPORT OUR VETERANS** The Veteran's Administration in Hampton is accepting the following items for the veterans: **Toiletries, Clothing, Candy, Games, etc.**

Please bring your donations to church and Bill Weissner will deliver them to the hospital. Toiletries are needed the most. Please bring donated items to church and place in the container in the parish hall. Thank you for your support.

**MILITARY PRAYER BOARD**

Remember to bring a photo to church of your loved one serving in the armed forces, at home or away. The photo will be placed on our Military Prayer Board just inside the church doors. This is one way we can honor and support our brave men and women. Don't forget to include name, rank and branch of the forces they belong to.



# ASSIGNMENTS

## April 3— 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Jessica Fry, Ed Klaus

Vicki Martin, Bill DeLoatche

Tony Antonik

John Chudacek

Bonnie Rennick

Janet Chudacek, Roger Rennick

Nancy Comfort, Mary Laine

Yvonne Authement, Ana Nowland

## April 10—3rd Sunday of Easter

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AMM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Christine Truxell, Danny Nowland

Jim Jimeno, Isaac Weisiger

Vivien Valentine

Bruce Comfort

Jeffrey Pfeifer

Nancy Comfort, Bruce Comfort

Marianne Rudis, Bobbi Bowery

Wendy Glaeser, Jodi McGinty

## April 17—4th Sunday of Easter

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AMM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Kimberly Truxell, John Chudacek Jr.

Steve Galford, Sean McGinty

Drew Midgette

Charlie Pfeifer

Laura Kallestad

Ed Klaus, Jason Nowland

Dot :Pierce, Vel Shreve

## April 24—5th Sunday of Easter

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AMM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Corrin King, Ed Klaus

Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve

Maurice Caldwell

Ed Klaus

Judy Eller

Howard Belote, Kimberly Truxell

Bonnie Rennick, Judy Eller

Wendy Glaeser, Amanda Weisiger

# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30am Staff Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study Prayer Shawl 7PM 8PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 1PM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Mens/Womens Cursillo 7:15 PM Coed Bible Study	<b>7</b> 7PM Finance Committee Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

April 2016



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Happy Birthday Magdalena Krees!  
(April 15<sup>th</sup>)



## Dates to Remember

- ❖ Apr 1<sup>st</sup> – April Fool's Day
- ❖ Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
*Birthday Blessings for April*  
Lesson: John 20:19-31
- ❖ Apr 10<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
**VBS Meeting – 11:30 in library (planning meeting)**  
Lesson: John 21:1-19
- ❖ Apr 17<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Lesson: John 10:22-30
- ❖ Apr 24<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
**Chapel children sing**  
Lesson: John 13:31-35

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## Surprise! It's Empty!

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24:2-3 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:1-12



A G K Y T Q S P I C E S X E F  
A R D T T C G H R J T V H N F  
F O F R G N D E Y O G W Y T R  
B U Z J I C C H E P L V V E I  
W N W V C N T B W X S L R R G  
G D I D E C V R S O D T E E H  
B L P S S C Y V E R M A O D T  
R H I E B R D B B M S E Y N G  
Y R G D Z B G D A C E F N N E  
I F I R S T B O W E D M I L B  
V D F D G B A R L F A N B R Z  
H X E A X W W C V W R O T E R  
M Y J A C E A I R O Y V O X R  
H I G D D E Y M M S Q N M U K  
Y T R D S K S Z B H P M B F C

BOWED  
WOMEN  
ROLLED  
TOMB

FACES  
WEEK  
FIRST  
AWAY

GROUND  
FRIGHT  
REMEMBER  
SPICES

MORNING  
STONE  
DAY  
ENTERED

RISEN  
LIVING  
DEAD  
BODY



## Youth Group News

*Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

*Paul wrote to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12, saying, “Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.”*

### ***Calendar of Events***

**April 17th-Youth meet after church for food, games and planning**

**April 30th – Saturday-Jefferson Lab Open House! Meet at church at 9 a.m. Details to follow!**



### **Sunday school**

**Lessons from: Teen Sunday school Place: After the Red Sea**

*We will continue to collect loose change in the collection jars located in the Parish hall and Youth Room. The money received will be used to help the youth in their outreach ministry*

**Thank you for continuing to support our YOUTH!**

**Leader: Janet Chudacek**

**Assistants/teachers: Carolyn King, Jason Nowland, Ashley Pierce**

# FROM THE RECTOR

**Vestry Highlights:** At it's March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Vestry:

+ Approved the Financial Report:

*In February, our income was \$391 more than budgeted.*

*In February, our expenses were \$3,155 more than budgeted*

*Thus far in 2016, we are \$3,798 under budget.*

*Comfort My People contributions for January totaled \$200*

+ Discussed last week's Staff and Vestry Retreat- positive experience.

+ Reviewed the 5 year goals established at Staff and Vestry Retreat.

+ Discussed use of Pfeifer Memorial Funds as proposed by Charlie & Peggy Pfeifer.

+ Finalized Vestry Meditation Schedule.

**Rector's Prayer List-** Please join me in praying for:

+ Our Diocese and our Bishop, The *Rt. Rev. Herman (Holly) Hollerith*

+ Our New Presiding Bishop *The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry*

+ The people of Aldersgate United Methodist Church and their pastor- *The Rev. Tony Forstall*

+ A blessed Easter season for all!

+ More teachers for our Youth Sunday School Program.

+ Even more financial commitments to our 2016 Operating Budget.

+ Our worship and outreach projects with *St. James Holiness Church* in Brambleton

+ Lots more *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.

**Answered Prayers-** Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

+ Our newest church members.

+ Our Drama Ministry and those who offered monologues during the Season of Lent.

+ My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*

+ A great turnout each of the Wednesday Nights in Lent and those who hosted supper each week.

+ The generous financial commitments made by so many of you to our 2016 Operating Budget.

+ A very successful Staff and Vestry Retreat!

+ A fabulous weekend (worship and outreach) with *St. James Holiness Church!*

+ The Acts of Random Kindness done by so many of you.

+ The generous donations made to the *Church Discretionary Account.*

+ Those good deeds "*known and unknown*" to us and done by our parish members.

# RECTOR'S LETTER

## Achieving Greatness in God's Eyes

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

(Luke 14:11)

Jesus used these words to close a parable. He and others had been invited to dine at the home of a prominent Pharisee. As the invited guests were seating themselves, Jesus noticed that many of them were quick to take seats in the places of honor at the table and so, as he often did, he chose to use the occasion to teach his followers something about the kingdom of God. Jesus is talking here about recognition- about greatness. Our natural tendency as human beings is to want recognition. We want to feel that we matter that we are important. But Jesus reminds us that, in God's eyes, the source of true greatness is not recognition, but rather humility.

What motivates you? Is it to be recognized by those around you (family, friends, co-workers) as someone who is important? And how do you achieve recognition? Is it by the people you invite to dinner parties in your home? By the position you hold at work? By the position you hold at St. Peter's? When we stop worrying about things like where we sit and are simply interested in serving- then we are on the pathway to greatness. When we check our pride at the door (and that's what we're talking about here-pride) Jesus says that we are on the pathway to greatness. Do you want to be first? Then you must choose to be a servant...you must choose to take the last seat- not the first.

Dave Thomas, the late founder of Wendy's Hamburgers, never graduated from high school. He wrote in his book, *Well Done: The Common Guys Guide To Everyday Success*, "I got my **MBA** degree long before my **GED**. I even have a photograph of me in my **MBA** graduation gown- a snazzy knee length apron. I guarantee you that I am the only founder among America's biggest companies whose picture in the corporate annual report shows him wearing an apron and wielding a mop and plastic bucket. That wasn't a gag. It was a case of leading by example. At Wendy's, MBA doesn't mean **Master of Business Administration**. It means **Mop and Bucket Attitude**. It's how we define satisfying the customer through cleanliness, quality food, friendly service, and atmosphere."

Do you have your **MBA** yet- your Mop and Bucket Attitude? Are you on the path to true greatness? Jesus taught about it and people like Dave Thomas lived it. Understand, Jesus is not condemning working hard to move up. He's simply saying, let God do the promoting, let God blow the trumpets, don't do it yourself. Let your deeds and actions speak well of you- not your mouth. Start humbly and God will move you up. In the meantime, the best seat in the house is the seat of learning .

Peace and love,

John+