

FEBRUARY 2018

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.

6th..... Prayer Shawl ministry, 7PM
9th/10th..... Staff/Vestry Retreat at Chanco on the James
11th.....Cursillo Ministry exhibit in the parish hall
12th.....Ladies Lunch Bunch, 12:30PM
13th.....Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5-7PM
14th.....Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes at noon and 7:30PM
16th/17th..... Annual Council in Williamsburg
19th.....President's Day, Office & Day School closed
24th.....Cursillo Team meeting

“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



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study— Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM. The men are studying the Book of Psalms. They meet in the meeting room beside Children's Chapel. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

Women's Bible Study—The Women's Bible Study group meet on Wednesdays at 1PM in the Diffenbaugh Library. The Rector leads the class. They are studying the Minor Prophets. Bring a friend and your Bible.

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 Group meet Wednesdays. The women's grouping begins at 6:15PM and the men meet at 6:30PM.

Co-ed Bible Study Group meet in the Diffenbaugh Library every Wednesday at 7:15PM. They are using the Forward Day by Day daily meditation and accompanying scripture readings. They read, reflect and respond to the scriptures.

Please keep these people in your prayers

June Faye	Laurie	Shirley
B.J.	Sebastian	Patsi
Paul	Fred	Chelsea
Lois	Joe	Jacob
Mary Lou	Melissa	Hannah
Tom & Family	Hazel	Chris
Xander & Family	Joan	David
Johnny & Nancy	Al & Millie	Mary
Debbie & Kenny	Cheryl	Scott
Angie & Peter	Betty	Kathy
Alison	Brenda	Susie
Susie	Lynette	Corey
Jeannie	Barbara	James
Clay & Wanda	Joyce	John
Jessica	Melissa	June
Ginny	Niko	Joyce
Christine	Betty	Eva
Bert & Ann	Jan	Linda
Randy & Betty	Dale	Kara
Emily	Leslie	Elaine
Josephine	Maurice	

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER—February 13th, 5-7PM

Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and spiced apples. All you can eat!!!

ADULT TICKETS \$7
CHILDREN (4-10) \$4
HILDREN UNDER Free

Come out for good food and fellowship!



A REMINDER... St. Peter's Youth Group is collecting spare change to help support the homeless in Norfolk. Please use the jar located in the parish hall to make your donations. Thank you for being faithful and generous.

Our Day School is collecting Box Tops for Education. Please bring your box tops to church and place them in the box provided in the parish hall. A reminder to pick up a 1.2.3.4 Community Farm Fresh key tag. Every time you use your key tag our school receives points which enable us to buy educational equipment for the school. Thank you for your support!

FEBRUARY 2018

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

Happy Birthday

Ed Klaus	2nd
Andrew Midgette	3rd
Andy Diffenbaugh	14th
Matthew Shreve	14th
Carolyn King	15th
Allison Truxell	16th
Ashley Williams	18th
Jodi McGinty	21st
Lauren DeLoatche	22nd
Yvonne Authement	23rd

ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV
Rector	The Rev. John M. Eidam
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Organist	Elizabeth Miller
Treasurer	Carolyn King
Sexton	Kevin Bates

VESTRY MEMBERS

Bonnie Rennick -	Sr. Warden	('19)	
Bruce Comfort -	Jr. Warden	('18)	
Nancy Comfort	('18)	Robert Olliges	('20)
Kimberly Truxell	('19)	Charlie Pfeifer	('20)
Rob Truxell	('19)	Linsey Shreve	('20)
Jim Jimeno	('20)		

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month. This month they meet February 6th at 7PM in the Diffenbaugh Library. The ladies make prayer shawls, that are given to our sick and shut in members, hats and scarves for the homeless, baby hats, and sweaters for World Vision, and breast prosthesis for those undergoing breast surgery.



For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.

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.



FEBRUARY LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, February 12th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "Azalea Inn" on East Little Creek Rd in Norfolk.. Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887



The deadline for articles for the March issue of The Call is:
February 15th
Send articles to vel@stpeters-norfolk.org or call the church office at 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)

Joey	Bucky
David	Bob
Kyle	Mike
Christopher	Jennifer
Jared	Courtney



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.** Donated items may be placed in the container in the parish hall. Thank you!



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 “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

The homeless are always in need of socks. Now that the weather is colder they need hats scarves and gloves. Thank you for your continued support!

Please bring your donated items to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you!



February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	5	6 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	7 1PM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Women's Cursillo Group 6:30PM Men's Cursillo 7:15PM Co-Ed Bible Study	8 Finance Committee Meeting 7PM	9 STAFF and VESTRY RETREAT	10
11 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30 Vestry Meeting	12 Ladies Lunch Bunch 12:30PM Azalea Inn	13 7:30AM Men's Bible Study Pancake Supper 5-7PM 8PM AA meeting	14 ASH WEDNESDAY Imposition of Ashes at Noon & 7:30PM	15	16 ANNUAL COUNCIL in Williamsburg	17
18 <i>LENT I</i> 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30 Day School Board Meeting	19 President's Day Office & School closed	20 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	21 1PM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Women's Cursillo Group 6:30PM Men's Cursillo 7:15PM Co-Ed Bible Study	22	23	24 Cursillo Team meeting
25 <i>LENT II</i> 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	26	27 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	28 1PM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Women's Cursillo Group 6:30PM Men's Cursillo 7:15PM Co-Ed Bible Study			



St. Peter's Children's Ministry

February 2018

Bible Verses for Valentine's Day

Let these Bible verses encourage you to celebrate, for God has unconditional and indescribable love for us. No matter your age or stage in life, Valentine's Day can be celebrated because of God's great love.

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Colossians 3:14

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Genesis 29:20

So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

Happy Valentine's Day!



Dates to Remember

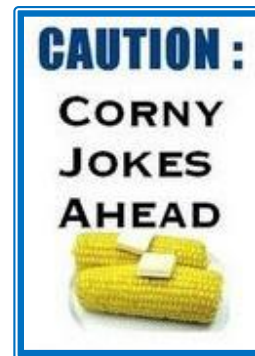
- ❖ **Feb 4th** – Epiphany 5 – Birthday Blessings at 10:00 am service
Luke 2:22-40 (Jesus is presented in the temple)
- ❖ **Feb 11th** – Last Sunday after Epiphany
Mark 9:2-9 (The Transfiguration)
- ❖ **Feb 18th** – 1st Sunday in Lent
Mark 1:9-15 (The Baptism and Testing of Jesus)
- ❖ **Feb 25th** – 2nd Sunday in Lent
Mark 8:31-38 (Jesus Predicts His Death)

- ❖ **February 13**
Pancake Supper (Shrove Tuesday)
5:00-7:00 pm



- ❖ **February 14 - Ash Wednesday**





Q: Why did the barber win the race?
A: *Because he took a short cut.*

Q: Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?
A: *Because it's pointless.*

Q: Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?
A: *Because he was a little shellfish*



St. Peter's Children's Ministry

February 2018

Lent

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

almsgiving
ashes
ash wednesday
cross
crucifixion
easter
fasting
forgiveness
holy week

lent
meditation
penance
prayer
prepare
reconciliation
sacrifice
sorrow
spring



hello february

This year has started out great, and our youth group is continuing to dive into the word. We are taking a look at the faith of Abraham, and what we can learn from his obedience.

Some things we are focusing on in the next few months:

1. Community: looking into getting together with other local youth groups to foster fellowship
2. Hands-On Outreach
3. A Hiking trip for the Spring!

Dates to come soon!

ASSIGNMENTS

February 4—5th Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	Isabel Nowland, Corrin King
Ushers	Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve
Lector at 8AM	James Benn
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Judy Eller
LEMS at 10AM	Jason Nowland, Roger Rennick
Altar Guild Duty	Bobbi Bowery, Lisa Kieser
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Karen Kakol

February 11th—6th Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	Sarah Weisiger, Bonnie Rennick
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Larry Shreve
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Larry Shreve
LEMS at 10AM	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Jessica Trochanowski, Judy Eller
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Amanda Weisiger

February 14th—Ash Wednesday

Acolytes	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Steve Kakol
Lector at 7:30PM	Laura Kallestad
LEMS at 7:30PM	Kimberly Truxell, Jason Nowland
Altar Guild Duty	Dot Pierce, Vel Shreve

February 18th—1st Sunday in Lent

Acolytes	Judy Eller, Olivia McGinty
Ushers	Steve Galford, Jim Jimeno
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick
LEMS at 10AM	Nancy Comfort, Bruce Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Bonnie Rennick, Millie Coward
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

February 25th—2nd Sunday in Lent

Acolytes	Jasmine Price, Nancy Comfort
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Vicky Martin
Lector at 8AM	Drew Midgette
LEM at 8AM	Charlie Pfeifer
Lector at 10AM	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEMS at 10AM	Charlie Pfeifer, Roger Rennick
Altar Guild Duty	Lisa Kieser, Nancy Comfort
Nursery Attendants	Vivien Valentine, Amanda Keller

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At their January 14th meeting, the Vestry:

- + Approved the December, 2017 Financial Report
We finished this past year 2017- \$14,213 under budget
- + Welcomed newly elected Vestry members (3 year terms):
Jim Jimeno, Robert Olliges, Charlie Pfeifer, and Linsey Shreve
- + Elected the following:
 - Senior Warden- *Bonnie Rennick*
 - Junior Warden- *Bruce Comfort*
 - Treasurer- *Carolyn King*
 - Register- *Peggy Pfeifer*
- + Kitchen renovations are continuing as expected.
- + Approved thermostat repair (office hallway).
- + Discussed Vestry Structure, Meeting Schedules, and Staff/Vestry Retreat.

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

- + Our Diocese and our Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Herman (Holly) Hollerith*
- + Our Assisting Bishop, *The Right Rev. Jay Magness*
- + Presiding Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry*
- + Our Staff and Vestry as they "retreat" to Chanco- Feb. 9-10
- + The people and clergy of our neighborhood churches.
- + St. James Holiness Church and their pastor, Elder *Gavin Wainwright*.
- + The leaders of our nation, our state, and our local governments.
- + Our new organist- *Elizabeth Miller* as she begins her ministry.
- + Our new Children's Ministry Leader- *Jodi McGinty* as she begins her ministry.
- + Lots more *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.
- + Less snow!

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

- + My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*
- + Our newest Vestry members.
- + Our new staff members.
- + Those volunteers working hard to renovate our kitchen- led by *Bruce Comfort*
- + 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 church members.
- + A very successful 2018 Stewardship Campaign.

RECTOR'S LETTER

The Season of Lent

The Christian Church's season of Lent is a period of time set aside to help us prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent prepares us for Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent sets aside 40 days (not counting Sundays) to review, evaluate, and change our lives and practice new behavior appropriate for members of God's family. This is *repentance*. Repentance is an act of contrition. It is to feel such regret or dissatisfaction over what you have done (or failed to do) that you change your attitude or change your ways.

Among the early Christians, Lent was a period of intense instruction in the Christian faith for "*penitents*", leading to baptism on the eve of Easter. Today, during Lent, all Christians are invited to adopt a penitential attitude-to conduct a "*spiritual housecleaning*"- giving up self-serving ways, and practicing new behavior appropriate to God's baptized people.

The Lenten season has been described as a journey taken each year with stops at traditional points along the way. These stops include: Ash Wednesday, The 1st through 5th Sundays in Lent, Palm (or Passion) Sunday, and Holy Week. All these lead to Easter and the gift of resurrection through our Lord Jesus' triumph over death. Of course on any journey you'll find signs along the way. Some of the "*signs*" of Lent include:

- + The disappearance of "*alleluia*" from our worship services beginning Ash Wednesday. In medieval times some Christians actually placed an "*alleluia puppet*" in a casket in the church until Easter when the puppet (and the word *alleluia*) were resurrected in the service.
- + The "*mark of ashes*" on the forehead (Ash Wednesday). The Jews used ashes as an outward sign of repentance, a practice continued by early Christians- but discontinued by many of the Church reformers. So, while ashes today may remind us of dust and our own mortality, it is more in keeping with Lent to see ashes as a sign of our repentance- turning away from sin and being faithful to the Christian faith.
- + The display of the *colors purple and black* in church. Purple (or violet) represents repentance and is used during most of Lent. Black represents mourning and is used on Good Friday.
- + *Lenten self-denial*- This is usually thought of as "*giving up something*" for Lent rather than "*practicing giving*" for Easter. But when you "*give up*" sinful, self-serving ways, you should also "*take on*" new ways to give time and energy and forgiveness to one another, as Christ gave himself for us. This is the heart of the Easter message and the heart of Lenten preparation.

And so, my friends "*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent....*" I hope you will choose to participate in as many ways as is possible for you.

Peace and love,

John+