

JANUARY 2017

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.

- 1st.....Staff Meeting, 11:30am
- 8th.....Epiphany Sunday, Baptisms,
The Magi visit at 10am
- 12th..... Finance Meeting, 7pm
Women's Group Meeting, 6pm
- 15th.....Commission the new Vestry, 10am
Vestry Meeting, 11:30am
- 16th.....Dr. M.L.King Day, Office and Day
School closed
- 19th.....Day School Board Meeting, 7pm
- 21st.....**Admirals Hockey Game, 7:15pm**
- 26th.....Women's Group Meeting, 6pm
- 29th.....Chapel Children sing, 10am

“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



JANUARY 2017

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

Happy Birthday

Michael Caldwell	1st
JC Spruill	3rd
Robert Whitehorne	3rd
Marissa Weissner	3rd
Shirley Marz	3rd
Susie Johnson	10th
Larry Shreve	13th
Marissa McGinty	17th
Anna Kallestad	20th
Jordynne Wicker	20th
Floyd Parker III	22nd
Nancy Comfort	23rd
Linsey Shreve	26th
Judy Eller	29th

Happy Anniversary

Dana & Brad Bolding	1/4/03
Marlissee & Royden Snuffin	1/23/46
Ron & Hilda Monte	1/26/

ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV
Rector	The Rev. John M. Eidam
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Music Director	Joyce Baker
Treasurer	Carolyn King
Sexton	Kevin Bates

VESTRY MEMBERS

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

Epiphany Sunday January 8th

Baptism Sunday. If you would like to be baptized that day, please call the church office (466-9392) to schedule an appointment with the Rector.

The Magi visit at the 10AM service

If you have not yet completed a Commitment Card for 2017 it's not too late. Cards are found in the narthex and the parish hall. Please return your completed card to the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. This month they meet on the 3rd. 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 if you need to. They 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. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.



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 rickiwright@cox.net

Now that the colder weather is here the homeless are in need of hats, scarves, and gloves. Thank you!



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

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study— Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM. The men are studying the Book of John. They meet in the meeting room beside Children's Chapel. Bring your Bible and bring a friend! They meet again on Jan.3, 2017.

Women's Bible Study—The Women's Bible Study group meet each Wednesday at 1PM, in the Diffenbaugh Library. They are studying the Book of Job. The Rector leads the study. The meet again on January 4th, 2017

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. The group will not meet on Christmas Day.

Men's & Women's Cursillo Group The women's grouping begins at 6:15PM and the men meet at 6:30PM every Wednesday.

Co-ed Bible Study meet Wednesdays, at 7:30PM. They are studying the Book of Daniel .Everyone is invited. They meet in the Diffenbaugh Library. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

FUND RAISING AT ST. PETER'S St. Peter's Youth Group is collecting spare change to support the homeless in Norfolk. Please use the jar in the parish hall to make your donations.

We are still collecting box tops for education & Campbell's labels for education. Please bring your labels and box tops and place in the box provided in the parish hall. Also, pick up a farm fresh key card. If you scan your card each time you shop at farm fresh, our day school receives points which allows us to purchase educational equipment for the school. Thank you!

MINISTRY LEADERS NEED TO SUBMIT THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE OFFICE **ASAP** . THE REPORTS WILL BE COMPILED INTO A BOOKLET FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON JANUARY 8TH. THANK YOU

Please keep these people in your prayers

June Faye	Laurie	Sandy
B.J.	Sebastian	Shirley
Nikko & Family	Paul	Christine
Lois	Fred	Chelsea
Joe	Christian	Patsi
Maria	Mary Lou	Carole
Melissa	Hannah	Brian
Tom & Family	Connie	Hazel
Xander & Family	Kevin	Joan
Johnny & Nancy	Al & Millie	Kamika
Debbie & Kenny	Chris	David
Angie & Peter	Stephen	Cheryl
Alison	Kathy	Scott
Rod	Brenda	Amy
Susie	Lynette	Jillian
Jeannie	Stephen	John
Alice	Gary	Sand
Jackie & Dave	Thomas	Heidie
The Baird Family	Jessica	Eva
Joyce		

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through 2017, please sign the new 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 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.



ASSIGNMENTS

January 1st—Holy Name Sunday

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Bronwyn Shreve, Nancy Comfort

Steve Kakol, Vicky Martin

Vivien Valentine

Maurice Caldwell

Larry Shreve

Charlie Pfeifer, Roger Rennick

Millie Coward, Judy Eller

Karen Kakol, Ana Nowland

January 8th—1st Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Gabi McGinty, Bonnie Rennickl

Steve Galford, Isaac Weisiger

Tony Antonik

Ed Klaus

Larry Shreve

Kimberly Truxell, Howard Belote

Nancy Comfort, Bobbi Bowery

Amanda Weisiger, Jodi McGinty

January 15th—2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Olivia McGinty, Christine Truxell

Sean McGinty, Larry Shreve

Maurice Caldwell

Bruce Comfort

Judy Eller

Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort

Vel Shreve, Mary Laine

Amanda Keller, Wendy Glaeser

January 22nd—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEMS at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 109AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Kimberly Truxell, Corrin King

Jim Jimeno, Steve Kakol

Drew Midgette

Ed Klaus

Laura Kallestad

Jason Nowland, Charlie Pfeifer

Dot Pierce, Bonnie Rennick

Yvonne Authement, Karen Kakol

January 29th—4th Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Danny Nowland, Ed Klaus

Isaac Weisiger, Vicky Martin

Vivien Valentine

Maurice Caldwell

Kimberly Truxell

Charlie Pfeifer, Roger Rennick

Judy Eller, Vel Shreve

Ana Nowland, Jodi McGinty

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 office at 466-9392

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

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 for your support.



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!

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.

NORFOLK ADMIRALS HOCKEY GAME

St. Peter's will attend a hockey game at Scope on Sunday, January 8th. Game time is 7:15PM. Tickets are \$16.50 and must be purchased prior to the game.. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the parish hall if you plan on attending. Deadline for purchasing tickets is January 8th. Nancy Comfort will deliver your tickets on Sunday, January 15th. Any questions? Contact Nancy Comfort at 480-0316.



The deadline for articles for the February issue of The Call is: January 15th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30am Staff Meeting	2 First day of school in 2017	3 7:30AM Men's Bible Study Prayer Shawl meeting 7PM 8PM AA meeting	4 IPM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Womens Cursillo 6:30PM Men's Cursillo 7:15 CoEd Bible Study	5	6	7
8 EPIPHANY SUNDAY 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Baptism/The Magi visit Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30am Annual Parish Meeting	9	10 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	11 IPM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Womens Cursillo 6:30PM Men's Cursillo 7:15 CoEd Bible Study	12 Finance Committee Meeting 7PM Women's Group Meeting 6PM	13	14
15 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 11:30am Vestry Meeting	16 ML KING DAY Office & Day School closed	17 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	18 IPM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Womens Cursillo 6:30PM Men's Cursillo 7:15 CoEd Bible Study	19 Day School Board Meeting, 7PM	20	21 Admirals Hockey Game 7:15PM
22 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	23	24 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	25 IPM Women's Bible Study 6:15PM Womens Cursillo 6:30PM Men's Cursillo 7:15 CoEd Bible Study	26 Women's Group Meeting 6PM	27	28
29 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. Chapel children sing	30	31 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting				

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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Dates to Remember

- ❖ **Jan 1st** – Holy Name Sunday and New Year's Day – Birthday/Anniversary Blessings.
- ❖ **Jan 8th** – Epiphany Sunday/Baptism Sunday
The Magi visit Children's Chapel.
- ❖ **Jan 15th** – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany - Lessons for the Apostles Creed start today.
- ❖ **Jan 22nd** – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.
- ❖ **Jan 29th** – 4th Sunday after Epiphany.
Chapel children sign at 10:00 am.

When Jesus put the little child in the midst of His disciples, He did not tell the little child to become like His disciples; He told the disciples to become like the little children.

Said by Ruth Bell Graham

Did You Know?

The Sunday school children made ornaments made of cinnamon and applesauce to give to the 24 seniors at Leigh Hall in the memory care center for Christmas.



Special Message

Thank you so very much Carolyn King for directing the Christmas Play. And to all the Children and Youth for their gifts and talents. It was awesome as always!

For the next 3 months the Children will be learning about the Apostle's Creed found in Acts 10:34-36. For almost 2,000 years, Christians have used these words to tell what they believe about God and why they trust in Him. We call these words the "Apostles' Creed". The statement of faith.

CORNY HUMOR

Why shouldn't you wear snow boots?
Because they'll melt.

Why is a calendar so popular?
Because it has lots of dates.

Which moves faster, heat or cold?
Heat, because you can catch a cold.

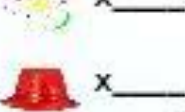
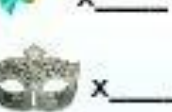
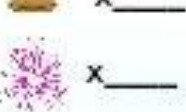
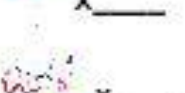
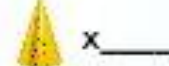
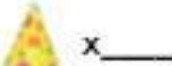
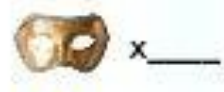
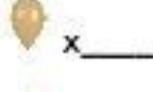
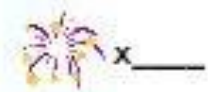
Happy Birthday - Marissa McGinty!
(Jan 17th)



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NEW YEAR'S I SPY





As Our Youth Step into this New Year
We Thank God for how far he has brought us
And we humbly seek him to lead us on
We pray that his love and faithfulness will guide us
And he will give us the grace to be more like his son

Jesus

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At its December 11th meeting, the Vestry:

Approved the Financial Report:

Our income for November was \$731 less than budgeted

Our expenses for November were \$955 less than budgeted

Through November we are \$19,105 over budget for 2017

Discussed the updated results of the 2017 Stewardship Campaign

Discussed, but did not adopt, a 2017 Operating Budget.

The Vestry will meet again before the end of the calendar year.

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

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

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

+ The people and clergy of our neighborhood churches.

+ Our friends at St. James Holiness Church.

+ Our country as we transition to new leadership.

+ The leaders of our nation, our state, and our local governments.

+ Wisdom and discernment for our 2017 Vestry members.

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

+ Safe journey for all who travel during the holiday seasons.

+ A happy and prosperous start to the New Year-2017

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

+ Our newest church members.

+ My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*

+ The ministries of our church and their leaders.

+ Our new angel costumes- Thanks *Debbie Whitehornel*

+ Our Drama Ministry and those who performed Advent monologues.

+ 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.

+ Those who have made commitments of time, talent, and treasure to our church.

RECTOR'S LETTER

This Is What Disciples Do!

A new year brings with it new beginnings and new possibilities. I would like to remind you of a Biblical concept of which we always need to be reminded- Christian Discipleship. A "*disciple*" is literally a "*follower*." A "*Christian*" disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship carries with it a number of responsibilities. I'd like to briefly describe three of those responsibilities.

First, a disciple is **committed**. When we are committed to someone or something, we are prepared to make *sacrifices* in order to remain faithful to that commitment. Some of these sacrifices may be small, others larger. Some will be easy, while others may be painful. Some will involve time and effort, others will involve money. We all make commitments to a number of things in our lives. A Christian disciple's primary commitment is to Jesus Christ.

A Christian disciple also accepts the responsibility to **learn** (and when possible) to teach others about Jesus. It's impossible to follow someone effectively unless you know something about them. You need to spend time with them in order to understand their thoughts, ideas, and dreams and where they intend to lead you. In the same way a Christian disciple cannot follow Jesus Christ unless he/she learns about him- what he taught (by studying the Gospels) and spend time with him regularly (in prayer). This goes back to being committed to taking the time to do these things- even when it may be inconvenient to do so.

And a Christian disciple is committed (there's that word again) to **spending time with other Christians**. We were created by God to be in community with others. In fact, Jesus prayed that his disciples would be "*one in Him*" (John 17:21). Christian disciples need to be together to offer support and encouragement to one another, to worship together, to and teach one another. A Christian disciple, therefore, joins a Bible Study Group, or a Support Group or a Team ministry of some kind. Sunday mornings will always find the Christian disciple in church-no excuses (short of illness).

So, how are you doing with your Christian discipleship? Are you committed to Jesus Christ? Are you spending time with him, learning from him? Are you "*in the Bible*" on a regular basis? Do you attend worship services every Sunday- even when it's inconvenient? Do you spend time with other disciples? Do you give sacrificially of your time, talent, and treasure to the work of Christ in the world? If you call yourself a disciple of Jesus Christ, then your answer should be "*Yes!*" to all of the above. You need to be doing these things **because this is what disciples do!**

If your answer is "*No*" to even one of the above, I invite you to join me in the coming year to learn anew what it means to be a **disciple** of Jesus Christ. It will be an exciting journey, but it will be full of challenges and some hard work. But in the end, it will be worth it. Jesus told some of his listeners that he had come so that "*[his disciples] might have life and have it abundantly*." (John 10:10) I am of the opinion that we can't begin to experience that "*abundant life*" until we give our lives to Christ and commit ourselves to becoming his disciples.

Peace and love,

John+