

MARCH 2013

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 & 2nd.....Staff/Vestry Retreat at Chanco
- 6th,13th,20th.....Lenten Supper 6pm, Worship 7pm, Study 7:30pm
- 12th.....Prayer Shawl Meeting, 7pm
- 17th.....Make sandwiches for the homeless,9am
- 23rd.....Work Day, 8AM
- 24th.....Palm Sunday, Eucharist 8am,
Liturgy of the Palms, 9:45am
Holy Eucharist, 10am
- 25th.....Movie—"The Passion" 7pm
- 28th.....Maundy Thursday, Seder Dinner 6pm,
Service of Tenebrae, 7:30pm
All Night Prayer Vigil
- 29th.....Good Friday Liturgy, Noon
The Way of the Cross, 7pm
- 30th.....Feed the Hungry, 5:45am
- 31st.....Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8am
Holy Eucharist/Baptisms, Flowering of the Cross 10am
Easter Egg Hunt, Noon

“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



MARCH 2013

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

Happy Birthday

Whitehorne, Debra	3rd
Kallestad, Joseph	4th
Coward, Al	4th
Walton, Joe	5th
Morgan, Randy	7th
James, Keith	12th
Belote, David	13th
Belli, Andrea	16th
Kakol, Katy & Kara	17th
Trounson, Kristine	23rd
Pierce, Dot	29th

THE DEACON'S CORNER

The Intercessory Prayer Group A Prayer Box has been placed at the Deacon's Table in the parish hall for all prayer requests; as well as, praise and thanksgiving for answered prayers. Prayer cards are provided to write on. Place the card in the Prayer Box. Prayers are kept confidential within the group. Join us for Intercessory Prayer every Sunday morning at 9AM, in the Diffenbaugh Library.

"Feeding the Hungry" We meet Saturday, March 30th at 5:45AM to feed the hungry in downtown Norfolk. All are welcome to join us. If you would like to help, please see Dana for more information.

Sandwiches for the homeless we meet Sunday, March 17th, following the 8AM service, to make 100 sandwiches for the homeless.

Prayer Shawl Ministry The Prayer Shawl Ministry group meet the second Tuesday of every month. They meet next on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7PM in the Diffenbaugh Library. If you like to knit or crochet we would love to have you join us. We are working with World Vision in their ministry "Knit for Kids" (you can Crochet for Kids too). Come join us!

Please remember the homeless are always in need of new white socks. You may bring them to church and leave in the baskets and boxes provided at the Deacon's table in the parish hall. Thank you!

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV
Rector	The Rev. John M. Eidam
Deacon	The Rev. Dana VanVliet-Pullin
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Music Director	Joyce Baker
Youth Leader	Kevin Pullin
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Kimberly Truxell
Sexton	Kevin Bates

VESTRY MEMBERS

Phil Briscoe	Sr. Warden ('13)
Jason Nowland	Jr. Warden ('14)
Sarah Briscoe ('13)	Keith James ('15)
Karen Kakol ('13)	Sean McGinty ('15)
Coach Sigler ('14)	Bonnie Rennick ('15)
Tony Antonik ('14)	Roger Rennick ('15)

St. Peter's Youth Group



The Youth are still collecting spare change to support the "homeless". Please remember these folks by continuing to leave your pocket change in the jar provided in the parish hall.

Also a reminder that an SPCA container is on the shelf unit in the parish hall for donations to the SPCA. Animal toys and food would be

The deadline for articles for the April issue of The Call is:

Friday, March 15th

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

The Veteran's Administration in Hampton is accepting the following items for the veterans:

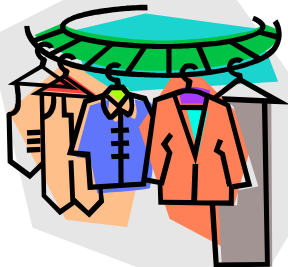
Toiletries **Good books**
Clothing **Candy**
Games, etc.

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. 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.



Thank you!

ALL TYPES OF CLOTHING IS NEEDED AT THE VETERAN'S HOSPITAL PLEASE DONATE YOUR 'OLD' CLOTHING TO THE VETS. BRING TO CHURCH AND PLACE IN THE CONTAINER PROVIDED. Thank you!

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 our Sunday services and whenever we gather for worship. 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. Thank you.

Randy	Scott	Darian
Will	Andy	Rob
Bryan	Matt	Todd
Eddie	Daniel	Greg
Justin	Carl	Dave
Charles	Kyle	Steven
Dwayne	John	Wesley
Grant	Hugo	Carlos

MAGAZINES are needed to send to our troops in the Middle East. Please bring your recent magazines to church and leave in the container on the shelf in the parish hall. Thank you!



Please remember our sick and shut-in members with prayer and visitation

Doody Adams 4423 Deacons Lane
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
Phone # 460-3731

Louise York The Home at Beth Shalom Village
6401 Auburn Drive
Room 320
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
Phone # 420-2512

Jane Dowdy Golden Living Community
350 Lynn Shores Dr.
Va. Beach, VA 23452
Phone # 498-0187

Please keep these people in your prayers:

June Faye	Peggy	Laurie
Randy	Trudy	B.J.
Logan	Amy	Sebastian
Shirley	Ethel	Foster
Nikko & family	Gabrielle	Toni
AJ	Nancy	Becky
Deb	Curtis	Claire
Sherran & David	Joyce	Jeannie
Morris	Lois	Fidelma
Marie	Tracy	Phebe
Craig & Family	Kaylor	Fretti
Nancy & David	Kelsea	Christine
Elizabeth & Eddie	Robert	Christian
Yasmeen	Maria	Barbara
Brian	Sharon	Cheryl
Brown Family	Denise	Bill
Al	Lauren	Ken
Patty	Kevin	Jim
Tom & Family	Amber	Kacey
Richard	Bob	Somnuk
Gary	Earl	Ella
Alyssa	Melissa	Laura
Hannah	John	

CURSILLO GROUPING



Are you a Cursillista? There are now three groups that meet each week .

Men's grouping Wednesdays, 6:15pm in the meeting room

Women's grouping Wednesday, 6:15pm in the Library

Women's grouping Thursdays, 10:30am at Debbie's

Contact Debbie Whitehorne 499-7034 for information and directions.

Call Dana or Kevin Pullin 685-9288 for more details about their grouping.

Call the church office for more information about the Cursillista movement in our diocese.

The Women's Bible Study group will take a break through the Lenten Season and will begin meeting again Wednesday, April 3rd..

Men's Bible Study- The Book of Acts The Book of the Acts of the Apostles begins with the greatest phenomenon in the history of the Christian Church- the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early Christians. What difference did it make in and for them? How were they changed and what did they do with this new power? Come and find out each Tuesday morning from 7:30-9 AM in the meeting room next to the Children's Chapel. Bring a Bible and bring a friend!

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to give Altar Flowers any Sunday through the year, please sign the 2013 Flower Chart in the Vestibule. Sign your name beside the Sunday you wish to give flowers. You may also call the church office at 466-9392.

The flowers cost \$56 each week, or \$28 when two families give on the same Sunday.



WORK DAY—Saturday, March 23rd, 8am

Time to 'clean up' the church buildings and grounds for Easter! Please come out and help weed, trim bushes, paint and do general clean up. Work begins at 8am. Lunch served at Noon. Sign up in the parish hall. See you there!

St. James Holiness Church needs some financial help to make much needed repairs to their church and parish hall. St. James' congregation currently occupies "Old" St. Peter's—our original location on Brown Ave in Brambleton. If you would like to make a contribution please use one of the specially marked envelopes found in the Narthex and the parish hall, or you may mail your donation to **the church office**.

Thank you!



The Women In Crisis Shelter is always in need of:

Baby formula, diapers, toiletries, sheets, towels and non-perishable foods. **They desperately need household items: furniture, bed linens, towels and kitchen items.** If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to church and Judy Weissner will take them to the shelter. Thank you for your continued support.



ST. PETER'S ITEMS FOR SALE

St. Peter's 50th Anniversary T-Shirts

Call the church office if you would like to purchase a red T-Shirt. The shirts are \$8.



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50th Anniversary Sun

Catchers

Perfect for any occasion! They look great hanging in any window. The sun catchers are \$10 each. Call the office at 466-9392.

St. Peter's Church Anniversary Mugs



Are \$5 and may be purchased by calling the church office

St. Peter's 50th Anniversary cook-books

You can buy one by ordering directly on line at www.lulu.com. The books are \$20. St. Peter's receives \$7 from each Sale.





Sunday School News

March 2013

What is “Lent” to a child? Did you know what it was all about when you were small? Kids have a hard time understanding Lent. Perhaps one way of explaining Lent is that it's a time to bring us closer to God. As teachers, we will explain Lent to your children, but the best teacher is the example set by you, their parents.

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter. It lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays) in which Christians prepare for Easter by fasting and spiritual discipline - all for setting aside time to reflect on His sacrifices. Basically, Lent is a time for "spring cleaning" our lives while giving thanks to God. In our busy lives we fill ourselves with candy, buy toys, play video games and watch television which makes us happy but that happiness is temporary. During Lent we stop filling our lives with temporary happiness and make *more* room for God. Adults usually give up something important to them for the 40 days of Lent. Children, too can be encouraged to “fast” from fast food dinners and snacks, TV, internet, video games, movies, etc., and spend more time helping the poor in a variety of ways like donating items to a local thrift shop, food pantry, or toy drive. Money saved from fasting from movies, and such can be donated to charitable causes.

This year, let us all concentrate on making it more meaningful for us and our families. Let us teach our children when they are young to give to others, and let them know that Our Lord puts people all around us that we should serve in one way or another.



March 24th – Try to arrive by 9:30am to participate in the Palm procession in the sanctuary.

March 31st - **Easter Egg Hunt** – our annual Easter egg hunt will take place following the 10am service on Sunday, March 31st. Please bring an empty basket for your child to collect eggs.

A reminder . . . if your child has a birthday in March, please advise the Nursery and Christian Ed staff so they can be brought to the sanctuary for the blessing on **March 3rd**. Also, if you have not already done so, please complete a Sunday school registration form for your child / children. We are updating our information and creating a birthday calendar. Thank you.



FIND THE DIFFERENCES

Find 7 differences between the two pictures.



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HOLY BAPTISM

POT LUCK DINNER

Following the Seder on Maundy Thursday, March 28th, we have a Pot Luck Dinner. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish to share.

The dinner will be served before the Service of Tenebrae which begins at 7:30PM



The next service of Holy Baptism is Easter Sunday, March 31st, at 10AM

If you would a baptism at this time, please call the church office, 466-9392 to make an appointment with the Rector

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE CHART FOR AN HOUR OR MORE OF PRAYER TIME DURING THE ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL. THE CHART IS LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS
TIME STARTS...



Sunday, March 10th at 2am

Set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night. Be on time for church Sunday!

LENTEN ENVELOPES



The Lenten envelopes have replaced the coin folders used in the past. If you have not yet received one, please call the church office, 466-9392

WANT TO PLAY SOFTBALL THIS YEAR? St. Peter's Softball Team is a co-ed team that plays double header games on Friday evenings. If you are interested in joining the team please sign the list in the parish hall or call Larry Shreve at 499-3482, or the church office 466-9392



DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 10, 4-5pm

Come visit the Day School and meet the teachers. Registrations will be accepted for the new 2013/14 school year as well as the 2013 Summer Camp. For more information call the office 466-9392.



March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 STAFF/VESTRY	2 RETREAT
3 <i>Lent III</i> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	4	5 Men's Bible Study 7:30am 8pm AA meeting	6 Lenten Supper 6pm Worship 7pm Study 7:30pm	7	8	9
10 <i>Lent IV</i> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	11	12 Men's Bible Study 7:30am Prayer Shawl 7pm 8pm AA meeting	13 Lenten Supper 6pm Worship 7pm Study 7:30pm	14	15	16
17 <i>Lent V</i> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	18	19 Men's Bible Study 7:30am 8pm AA meeting	20 Lenten Supper 6pm Worship 7pm Study 7:30pm	21	22	23 WORK DAY 8AM
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer Sandwiches 9:45AM Procession of Palms 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	25 The movie "The Passion" 7PM	26 Men's Bible Study 7:30am 8pm AA meeting	27	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY Seder/Pot Luck Dinner, 6PM Service of Tenebrae 7:30pm	29 GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy Noon Way of the Cross 7pm	30 Feed the Homeless 5:45AM
31 <i>EASTER DAY</i> 8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9AM Intercessory Prayer 10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. 12Noon Easter Egg Hunt						

ASSIGNMENTS

March 3rd—Lent III

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

March 6th

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector

Altar Guild Duty

March 10th—Lent IV

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

March 13th

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector

Altar Guild Duty

March 17th —Lent V

Acolytes

Ushers

Lector at 8AM

LEM at 8AM

Lector at 10AM

LEMS at 10AM

Altar Guild Duty

Nursery Attendants

Christine Truxell, John Chudacek

Bill DeLoatche, Larry Shreve

Sarah Briscoe

Dana VanVliet-Pullin

Judy Eller

Bruce Comfort, Dana VanVliet-Pullin

Millie Coward, Bobbi Bowery

Wendy Glaeser, Allison Truxell

Volunteers

Sean McGinty, Curtis Horne

Phil Briscoe

Vel Shreve

Joseph Kallestad, Cameron McManus

Andrea Belli, Roger Rennick

Tony Antonik

Dana VanVliet-Pullin

Bonnie Rennick

John Chudacek, Dana VanVliet-Pullin

Mary Laine, Janet Chudacek

Ana Nowland, Karen Kakol

Volunteers

Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve

Larry Shreve

Vel Shreve

Jessica Fry, Tony Fry

Jason Nowland, Steve Galford

Maurice Caldwell

Dana VanVliet-Pullin

Jeffrey Pfeifer

Kimberly Truxell, Dana VanVliet-Pullin

Marianne Rudis, Bonnie Rennick

Laura Kallestad, Ashley Pierce

ASSIGNMENTS (continued)

March 20th

Acolytes	Volunteers
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Jason Nowland
Lector	Bonnie Rennick
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve

March 24th—Palm Sunday

Acolytes	Christine Truxell, Michael Galford
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Curtis Horne
Lector at 8AM	Sarah Briscoe
LEM at 8AM	Dana VanVliet-Pullin
Lector at 10AM	Nancy Comfort
LEMS at 10AM	Bruce Comfort, Dana VanVliet-Pullin
Altar Guild Duty	Dot Pierce, Janet Chudacek
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Allison Truxell

March 28th—Maundy Thursday

Acolytes	Volunteers
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Steve Kakol
Altar Guild Duty	Mary Laine, Millie Coward, Sophie Thompson

March 31st—Easter Sunday

Acolytes	Edward Klaus, Ed Klaus
Ushers	Jason Nowland, Sean McGinty, Bill DeLoatche, Roger Rennick
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	Dana VanVliet-Pullin
Lector at 10AM	Jason Nowland
LEMS at 10AM	Charlie Pfeifer, Dana VanVliet-Pullin
Altar Guild Duty	Vel Shreve, Judy Eller, Nancy Comfort, Dot Pierce
Nursery Attendants	Ana Nowland, Wendy Glaeser

RECTOR'S LETTER

The Faith To Move Mountains

A small congregation in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains built a new church on a piece of land that had been willed to them by another church member. Ten days before the new church was to be dedicated, the local building inspector notified the rector that the parking lot was inadequate for the size of the building and that, until the church doubled the size of the parking lot, they would not be able to use their new building. Unfortunately, the church had used every inch of the land except for the mountain against which it had been built. In order to build more parking spaces, they would have to “*move the mountain*” out of the back yard.

Undaunted, the rector announced the following Sunday morning that he would meet that evening with all church members who had “*mountain moving*” faith. They would hold a prayer meeting asking God to remove the mountain from the back yard and somehow provide enough money to have it paved and painted before the scheduled opening service the following week. Only twenty four of the congregation's 300-plus members showed up for the prayer meeting. They prayed for nearly 3 hours. At ten o'clock that evening, the rector said the final “*Amen.*”

“We'll open next Sunday as scheduled,” he assured everyone. *“God has never let us down in the past and I believe he will be faithful this time, too.”*

The next morning, the rector was working in his study when there came a loud knock on his door. When he called, “*Come in!*” a rough looking construction foreman appeared, removing his hard hat as he entered the study.

“Excuse me, Sir. I'm from the Acme Construction Company over in the next county. We're building a huge shopping mall over there and need some fill dirt. Would you be willing to sell us a chunk of the mountain behind your church? We'll pay you for the dirt we remove and pave all the exposed area free of charge....if we can have it right away. We can't do anything else with the shopping mall until we get the dirt in and allow it to settle properly.”

Well, the newly built little church was dedicated and opened the next Sunday, as planned, and there were far more members with “*mountain moving*” faith on that opening Sunday than there had been the previous week.... enough, in fact, to fill their newly expanded parking lot!

Some people think that faith comes from miracles. But others know that miracles come from faith.

Would you have gone to that prayer meeting? I hope so.

Peace and love,

John+

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At it's February 10th meeting, the Vestry:

+ Approved the Financial Report:

In January our income was \$3,235 less than budgeted.

In January our expenses were \$5,408 more than budgeted

Comfort My People contributions for January: \$250

Total "Comfort My People" contributions thus far: \$7,430

+ Finalized Commission Assignments for 2013

+ Reviewed Parish Contact List Assignments for 2013

+ Discussed security solutions for protecting outdoor AC units from vandalism

+ Listened to Update reports on: Break-in Repairs and Electrical Repairs

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

+ Our Diocese and our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith.

+ Aldersgate United Methodist and their pastor- *Tony Forstall*

+ Even more pledges to our 2013 Stewardship Campaign.

+ Three (3) new families/individuals to join St. Peter's by Easter.

+ Continued pledges to the *Comfort My People* Campaign.

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

+ Lots of Baptisms on Easter Sunday!

+ Additional Funds for a new kitchen!

Answered Prayers- Please join me in giving thanks for:

+ My hardworking and talented *Church Staff!*

+ A wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper- more than 100 people fed!

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

+ Our Diocesan Council Delegates- they done good!

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

+ The ministries of all our parish family members.

+ The generous donations made to "*Comfort My People*"