

FEBRUARY 2019

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 Birthday/Anniversary
2PM Pre-Council meeting at St. Andrews
- 5th Prayer Shawl meeting, 7PM
- 8th-9th Annual Council in Williamsburg
- 11th Ladies Lunch Bunch, Salvatore's, 12:30PM
- 14th Finance meeting, 7PM
- 17th Vestry meeting, 11:30AM
- 18th President's Day, school & Office closed
- 22nd-23rd .. Staff/Vestry Retreat at Chanco
- 24th Day School Board meeting, 11:30AM

“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



PRAYER AND 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!

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 each Wednesday evening. Both groups meet at 6:15PM. The women also meet at Debbie Whitehorne's home on Mondays at 1pm. Call Debbie for directions 499-7034

Co-ed Bible Study Group will join the Church-wide Bible reading initiative during Epiphany.

We begin using the Forward Day by Day during the Epiphany season.



We meet Wednesdays at 7pm in the Diffenbaugh Library, to study, read scripture and discuss the weekly readings from Paul's Letter to the Romans. We are excited to participate with many other Episcopalians who also participate in the Good Book Club—a church-wide Bible reading initiative. Bring your Bible and join us. The Good Book Club website lists the daily readings and resources to support people as they read the scriptures. Contact Bruce or Nancy Comfort for more information.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SOFTBALL If you would like to play on St. Peter's Co-Ed softball team, please sign the list in the parish hall. Everyone who is a senior in high school or older is allowed to play. The games are double headers played on Friday evenings. Sign up soon! Registration is in February. For more information contact Coach David at 390-5646 or call the church at 466-9392.



Please keep these people in your prayers

June Faye	Joan	Charlie
BJ	Hazel	June
Joy	Sebastian	Holly
Lois	Steve	Wally
Tom & Family	John	Nathan
Xander & Family	Debra	Tereca
Johnny & Nancy	Christine	Wayne
Debbie & Kenny	Niko	Fred
Donald & Teresa	Cheryl	Jackson
Al & Millie	Emily	Joe
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Peggy
Maurice & Joyce	Bonnie	Audrey
Bert & Ann	Jessica	Rick
Leslie	Josephine	Vickie
The Long Family	Penny	Kevin
Florence & Howard	Fidelma	Karen
The Benn Family	Sarah	Ray
Patsi	Clay	Liz
The Smith Family	Claire	Laurie
Katie	Jacob	Bill
Corey		

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. This month they meet February 5th 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, sweaters, scarves and hats for World Vision, and breast prosthesis for those undergoing breast surgery. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.



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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

Sr. Warden	Bonnie Rennick	('19)
Jr. Warden	Jason Nowland	('21)
Kimberly Truxell	('19)	Charlie Pfeigfer ('20)
Robert Truxell	('19)	Linsey Shreve ('20)
Jim Jimeno	('20)	Susan Sigler ('21)
Robert Olliges	('20)	

FEBRUARY LADIES LUNCH

This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, February 11th, at 12:30PM. They meet at Salvatore's in the Kempsville Marketplace shopping Center, on the corner of Baxter Road and Princess Anne Rd. Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending. Call Millie Coward for



The Magi arrived at St. Peter's on Epiphany Sunday!

"For by gold the power of a King is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, and myrrh as man." *St. John Chrysostom*



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	Jarod
David	Bob	Mario
Kyle	Mike	Allan
Christopher	Jennifer	Frank
Jared	Courtney	Chloe
Michael		



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

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 rickiwright@cox.net

The homeless are always in need of socks. Now that the weather is changing the needs for the homeless change. Items needed include coats, hoodies, sweatshirts, tennis shoes, jeans, caps and travel size toiletries. They no longer accept food that has to be prepared. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! Please bring your donated items to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you! Many thanks to all those who donate items, and to those who dedicate their time in preparing lunches for the needy every month. Thank you all!



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. Thank you for your support!

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

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed. Pre-Council meeting St. Andrews 2pm	4 Women's Cursillo Grouping at the Whitehorne home 1PM	5 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 7PM Prayer Shawl meeting 8PM AA meeting	6 Cursillo Grouping 6:15PM CoEd Bible Study 7PM	7	8 ANNUAL DIOCESAN COUNCIL IN WILLIAMSBURG	9
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St. Peter's Children's Ministry

February 2019

Beatitudes

In Luke 6:17-26 Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, teaching us to store up our treasures in Heaven and not on Earth. Jesus taught that we should be happy even if we were having hard times because our rewards are in Heaven, not on Earth. Jesus taught us the right way to act and interact with others and to store up our treasures in Heaven. The BEatitudes teach us to BE kind, BE humble, BE loving, and BE gentle.



The Beatitudes

Be Grateful

Be Smart

Be Clean

Be True

Be Humble

Be Prayful

Dates to Remember

- ❖ **Feb 3rd** – Epiphany 4 – Birthday Blessings at 10:00 am service
Luke 4:21-30 (Jesus Rejected at Nazareth)
- ❖ **Feb 10th** – Epiphany 5
Luke 5:1-11 (Calling of the first disciples)
- ❖ **Feb 17th** – Epiphany 6
Luke 6:17-26 (Blessings and Woes)
- ❖ **Feb 24th** – Epiphany 7
Luke 6:27-38 (Love for enemies)

Interesting Valentine's Day facts

1. On Valentine's Day every year, there are at least 36 million heart shape boxes of chocolates sold.
2. There are enough candy hearts made each year to stretch from Valentine, Arizona to Rome, Italy, and back again. The number of these candy hearts produced is approximately 8 billion.
3. There are approximately 50 million roses given on Valentine's Day around the world.
4. Valentine's Day is the second most popular day of the year for sending cards, second only to Christmas.
5. The phrase to wear your heart on your sleeve has historical meaning. In the middle ages young people would draw the name of their valentine from a bowl. They had to wear the name on their sleeve for one week.



Corny Jokes

- How many lips does a flower have? *Tu-lips.*
- How does a squid go into battle? *Well armed.*
- What do you call a shoe made out of a banana? *A slipper.*
- What would bears be without bees? *Ears.*
- Why is corn such a good listener? *Because it's all ears.*
- What do you call a pile of cats? *A meow-ntain.*





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BibleWise

Find the Hidden Qualities

Find the hidden rewards of the beatitudes, those that are happy, and other related words in the grid below.

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|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Children of God | Be filled | Happy | Mourners |
| Kingdom of heaven | See God | Meek | Merciful |
| Be comforted | Jesus | Thirsty | Obtain Mercy |
| Peacemakers | Beatitudes | Persecuted | Righteous |
| Inherit the earth | Disciples | Hungry | Pure in heart |

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ASSIGNMENTS

February 3—4th Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	Isabel Nowland, Corrin King
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick
LEM at 10AM	Roger Rennick
Altar Guild Duty	Jessica Trochanowski, Vel Shreve
Nursery Attendants	Amanda Keller, Vivien Valentine

February 10—5th Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	Sarah Weisiger, Bonnie Rennick
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Coach Sigler
Lector at 8AM	Drew Midgette
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Laura Kallestad
LEM at 10AM	Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Judy Eller, Millie Coward
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

February 17—6th Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	Valerie Sasser, Nancy Comfort
Ushers	Steve Kakol, Vicky Martin
Lector at 8AM	James Benn
LEM at 8AM	Charlie Pfeifer
Lector at 10AM	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEM at 10AM	Kimberly Truxell
Altar Guild Duty	Bobbi Bowery, Nancy Comfort
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Karen Kakol

February 24—7th Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	Olivia McGinty, Bronwyn Shreve
Ushers	Roger Rennick, Larry Shreve
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Judy Eller
LEM at 10AM	Jason Nowland
Altar Guild Duty	Dot Pierce, Bonnie Rennick
Nursery Attendants	Amanda Keller, Yvonne Authement

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At their January 13th meeting, the Vestry:

- * Approved the December, 2018 Financial Report which included-
In December, our income was \$1,639 more than budgeted.
In December, our expenses were \$402 less than budgeted.
We finished 2018, \$7,319 under budget
- * Welcomed our new Vestry Members- Susan Sigler and Jason Nowland
- * Elected the following individuals to one year terms:
Bonnie Rennick- Senior Warden
Jason Nowland- Junior Warden
Carolyn King- Treasurer
Peggy Pfeifer- Register
- * The Pfeifer Family will donate funds for our Softball Team's Registration Fees
- * John+ reported that kitchen and pantry improvements continue.
- * Discussed Commission Assignments, Contact Lists, and the Meditation Schedule
- * Work will continue on installing the new Day School gas line as weather permits.
- + A "Ministry Positions open" List will be posted by John+ later this month.

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

- * A happy, safe, and healthy New Year 2019 for all!
- * Our Diocese as we seek to call a new Bishop in 2019.
- * Our Interim Bishop, *The Right Rev. Jay Magness*
- * Our Presiding Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry*
- * 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.
- * More commitments of time, talent, and treasure to our Stewardship Campaign.
- * Additional Sunday School Teachers.
- + Lots more *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.

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

- * My incredibly talented and hardworking *Church Staff!*
- * Our 5 new Day School registrations.
- * Our new rock garden- thanks to the Sunday School kids and the McGintys
- * 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.
- * The commitments of time, talent, and treasure thus far by our church members.

RECTOR'S LETTER

A Parable About Grace

There is an ancient Asian story about a little fish that was swimming along the edge of river. Nearby, on the river bank, a science teacher had assembled his class for a lesson about water. As the fish swam by, it heard the teacher say, "Water is absolutely necessary for life. Without water, we would all perish within a week's time."

"Golly," said the little fish, "If what the human said is true, I'd better find some of the substance called water or I will surely die in a few days." The fish asked every other little fish he saw where the substance water might be found, but none of them knew. Then he put the question to some older, larger fish, but they were more interested in finding food for the day. Some of them thought the little fish was crazy: "Go away and leave us alone," they said in fish language.

From stream to stream the frightened little fish swam, asking the same question of all the fish he met, "Where can I find this substance called water?" But it was all in vain until finally, he came across a fish that seemed wiser than the rest. "Please, where can I find the substance called water that will give me life?"

"Water!" replied the wise old fish. "Why, you are in water this very minute. It surrounds you. You were conceived and born in water. Water is your environment. Water supports your very life. Continue to draw on it and you will live." The little fish swam away, very relieved and very happy.

We humans are immersed in a precious substance on which our life's fulfillment depends. Like that little fish, it surrounds us, we are conceived and born in it, our lives are sustained by it, we eat, sleep, work, and play in it- we are immersed in it. Like that little fish that couldn't see the water for the river, we fail to recognize it, but we wait longingly to encounter it. We wait...and we wait...and we wait. In spiritual terms, the word for this precious, life giving substance is **grace**- the grace of God. In plain language, grace means that God is continually doing for us everything we need to have done for our life's fulfillment. Whether we know it or not...whether we appreciate it or not...whether we are worthy of it or not...whether we recognize it or not...God's grace surrounds us. All we need to do is receive it.

My Friends, look around you and observe God's grace in your life and in the life of our church. It is there and it always will be. Then give thanks to God for all of His love, care, and provision.

Peace and love,

John+