

FEBRUARY

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From the Sr. Warden

I would like to say that I am blessed that your Vestry has once again shown their trust in me as our Senior Warden for the next year. As I take on the role of Senior Warden I am concerned about the future of our parish. We ended 2024 with a financial loss of \$22,000. This loss would have been greater if we had an interim rector for the full year. The proposed 2025 budget currently shows a profit of \$1,600; however, this does not take into consideration the expense of a new rector for our parish. The estimated compensation package for a new part-time priest is about \$65,000 which you can see with our current income we cannot afford. At the same time there are several maintenance and capital improvements that need to be made to our aging parish structures that have significant costs.

On the bright side, our small congregation continues to serve the Lord. Whether it is by serving as worship leader, lector, acolyte, altar guild member, Sunday School teacher, attending Bible study, making hats, scarves or prayer shawls, providing random acts of kindness and serving on the Cursillo Secretariat or upcoming weekends.

I ask that each of you pray for our parish: "Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." *BCP pg.817*

May God bless each of you.

Kimberly

Presiding Bishop:

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe

Diocesan Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Parish Administrator:

Laura Kallestad

Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

Treasurer:

Charlie Pfeifer

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Ladies Luncheon-The ladies of St. Peter's meet at a different restaurant on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. We will be enjoying lunch at 12:30 PM on February 10th at Mission BBQ, 1329 N. Battlefield Blvd., Chesapeake. Please join us and bring a friend. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall so we have an accurate number for reservations. For more information contact Millie Coward cell (757) 469-5887/m.jlc@cox.net.

The Altar Guild is still looking for **HELP!!** There are currently openings for both men and women in this ministry that need filling as soon as possible. You will be fully trained, at your convenience, and work with an experienced member. Only requirement for placement in the Altar Guild is that you are confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Benefits are unlimited, e.g. working with a great team, pride in knowing that you had a hand in helping to make the Altar beautiful and pleasing for our church family, and most of all the joy you will experience knowing that you are serving the Lord by preparing the Altar at St. Peter's for celebrations of worship for Sunday services, weddings, baptisms, and funerals. **Please** prayerfully consider applying for this critical ministry job today! Contact Millie Coward 757 469-5887/m.jlc@cox.net.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry- We welcome new members to join us to knit, crochet, and loom for various organizations. If you would like to help us supply these much needed items or learn how to knit, crochet, or loom, please join us. We have expert teachers and all the supplies you will need to practice. Or if you prefer, you may supply items from the comfort of your home. Just call, email or text me and I will be happy to pick them up for distribution. Weather conditions forced us to cancel our January meeting but we will continue this February 3rd in the library. Please consider joining us not only to share your talents but for fellowship as well. For more specifics, please contact Millie Coward, (757) 469-5887/m.jlc@cox.net



Bible Study is meeting on Thursdays at 10:30 A.M., in the Diffenbaugh Library. Bruce Comfort leads this Bible study on the Gospel of John. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and don't forget to bring a friend.



St. Peter's Day School is struggling and they need your help. The school isn't just another building on our property, **it is an integral part of St. Peter's Episcopal Church itself!** The school has brought in new members to our congregation, helped pay bills and continues to be a ministry of this church.

They need our help to advertise - through Facebook and other social media outlets, through advertising, and by word of mouth. If you have a neighborhood newsletter, know someone who is a parent or grandparent of a child 18 months to 4 years, own a business or know someone who does, have access to other businesses that can post a flyer, attend meetings for any organizations in the area -- **YOU CAN HELP!** We have flyers ready to post, email, download or distribute. They have a Day School Board that needs new/additional members -- volunteer. They only meet once a month. If you want any more information contact them - Charlie Pfeifer (Chairman), Vel Shreve, Janet Chauncey, Liz Kress or Laura Kallestad (Registrar). **Please help the school and thereby help the Church!**



St. Peter's Search Committee is still actively searching for a new rector for our church. Although this process seems to be taking a long time, this is not unusual. We will continue to keep you informed on our progress by publishing news in The Call and the Sunday bulletin. Please be patient and supportive of our Committee and keep them in your prayers. Remember, our next rector is out there somewhere, searching for the perfect church with the best church family. Let's hope he finds us soon! It's in God's hands!

Blessings,
Vel Shreve

Acts of Kindness Ministry

Once again, the Acts of Kindness Ministry is blessing the Day School Children with gift bags for Valentine's Day!

“Thank you all for your kindness and support of our little school”

The Day School Staff and children.



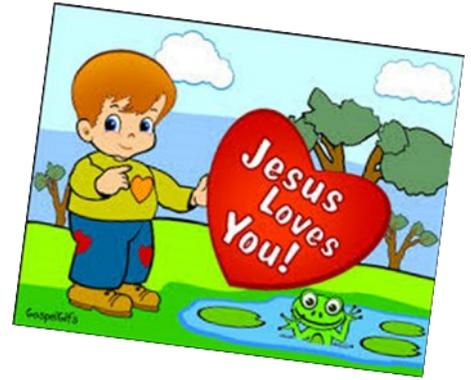
Cursillo was a gift to you, can you share it with others? Advent, Christmas and Lent are all about giving. The Father gave the most precious gift of all, his son, and our path to eternal life. For many, Cursillo was a gift. Well beyond the economic benefit of a sponsor's donation of fees, the Cursillo gift was wrapped in God's love -- in our table groups, talks, music and the kindness of Palanca. As you reflect on gifts given and received this past Christmas, consider the precious gift of Cursillo. We honor the giver by showing and sharing our gift. As we look ahead to the new year, let us all cherish the gift of Cursillo, and consider who to bless with it. People waiting to be gifted include potential candidates, and Cursillistas that would be blessed to be invited more fully into the Fourth Day. Contact our Lay Director or any member of the Secretariat at <https://www.cursillodiosova.org/about> if you have any questions.

Our next Cursillo weekend will be May 15-18, 2025 at Chanco on the James. St. Peter's own **Ana Nowland** is the Lay Rector. Applications are being accepted for team and candidates.

Save the Date: October 29-Nov 1, 2025, National Episcopal Cursillo Ministry (ECM) Conference in the St Louis area.

Start planning now to attend the 2025 Conference, which will include fellowship with Cursillistas from around the country. The conference will be held at Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center in Columbia, Illinois, a St Louis suburb. The nearest major airport with airline service is St Louis, MO. Our goal is to lodge all participants at the retreat center, with all meals provided there (vegetarian options included). The Wednesday evening through Saturday midday conference will be a homecoming of the ministry to celebrate and nurture the gift of Cursillo to the Episcopal Church. Planned activities will incorporate elements of a Cursillo weekend to include worship, song, presentations, group reunions, workshops and social time. Speakers include Bishop Kee Sloan (retired bishop of Alabama) and Bishop Glenda Curry (ECM Liaison to the House of Bishops). Also included is the annual General Council meeting which includes elections, and other actions, including approval of a budget.

Registration will commence in February via the ECM website (<https://episcopalcursillom-inistry.org>) Watch for greater details there. Early-bird conference registration (through July 15, 2025) will be discounted from \$75 to \$25. **Save the Date!** Who do you know that could benefit from this conference?



February 2025

February 2 Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

Jesus Goes to Nazareth

February 09 Debbie Whitehorne, Samantha Whitehorne

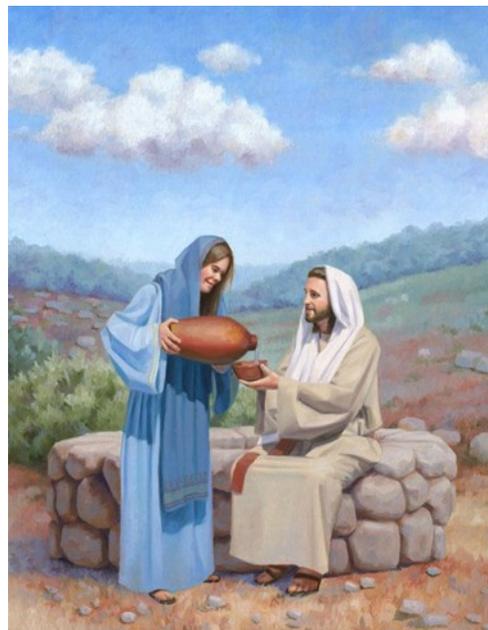
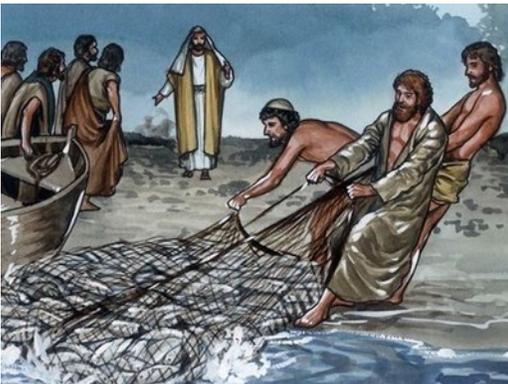
Jesus Chooses His Disciples

February 16 Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

The Woman at the Well

February 23 Samantha Whitehorne, Debbie Whitehorne

A Storm

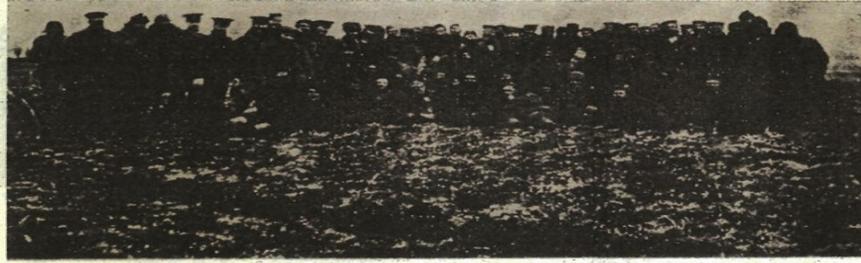


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Over a century ago, Christmas truce brought period of calm to war-ravaged men

PAUL MITCHELL Contributing Writer

Rev. James Sutherland-Watt served as the rector of St. Luke's, Manakin, Emanuel and Grub Hill Episcopal Churches simultaneously from 1938 until his fatal car accident on Jan. 6, 1941. Rev. Sutherland-Watt was an extraordinary man who had an internationally renowned experience as an infantryman in the Scottish Gordon Highlanders Regiment, fighting in the Western Front trenches for four years during The Great War. James was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on Sep. 21, 1891, a son of Sir Alexander and Isabelle Mortimer Sutherland. James returned to Aberdeen from Gibraltar on the Friday before the United Kingdom declared war against Germany. His Gibraltar trip may have been to celebrate his graduation, reportedly from Cambridge. James immediately chose to join the Gordon Highlanders Regiment because of their noble history. James's newly-formed company of 200 soldiers was among the first 60,000 soldiers to land in France.



MEETING OF BRITISH AND GERMAN SOLDIERS, CHRISTMAS, 1914.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RUTH COX

This photograph was taken by a German photographer on Christmas Day 1914 of some German enlisted soldiers commingling with Scottish enlisted soldiers of the Gordon Highlanders Regiment. On Christmas, the Saxon soldiers proposed that they have another armistice on New Day's Day when developed prints could be given to the Scots. It turned out that the Christmas Day Truce in the Gordon-Saxon sector lasted an astonishing ten days. Military commanders and government leaders of all the warring nations opposed the unauthorized Christmas Day Truce, tried their best to stop it, and suppress news of it happening from reaching the public. Officers at the front were ordered to stop their soldiers from participating. If the officers responded, it was to report that their orders were unenforceable.

Here is his story as told to the Richmond Lions Club in 1937... Late on Christmas Eve 1914, after four months of intense fighting with many lives lost and many wounded, James and his 2nd or 6th Battalion of the

Gordon Highlanders were occupying a sector of the terribly muddy trenches of the 70-mile long Western Front between Arras, when one of his trenchmates suggested, "Jim, let's sing Silent Night."

Jim had a fine singing voice and was often called to lead others in singing throughout his life. Jim responded, "I'm awfully sorry, but I have a headache."

Please see TRUCE, Page A2

Mr. Mitchell called the office approximately a year ago to ask if we had any pictures of the Rev. James Sutherland-Watt. Sadly, we have no records from this time period as all were destroyed by fire.

From research done by this reporter who is a member of St. Luke's, Manakin, Rev. Sutherland-Watt was a priest at one of the two "old" St. Peter's. The information contained in the article is intriguing. Some locals may find they know some of the names mentioned.

WELLS-SMART, DECEMBER 2, 2024

Truce

From A1

Unabashed the soldier began singing anyway and Jim forget his headache and took up the strain. The other Scots joined in. When they finished its last verse, they were amazed to hear cheering from the German Saxon soldiers occupying the trenches across No Man's Land. Then from across the trenches opposite, the Saxons sang "Stille Nacht," the German version of "Silent Night."

All night long, the Saxons and the Gordons took turns singing Christmas carols to one another and cheering with appreciation. At dawn, came the order to "Stand to!" as suddenly from out of the mist, several gray clad figures approached from across No Man's Land. The Saxons held their arms up revealing that they carried no guns. A few Scots tried to go out to meet them but were ordered back into their trenches. Soon two German Saxon officers returned with a request for a 24-hour armistice. Word was sent back to the Gordons' headquarters and the armistice was granted.

After officers agreed on the terms of the Christmas Day armistice, the Scots and Saxons, both sides helping the other, set at once to collect and bury their dead, fallen soldiers who had been lying out in No Man's Land some for weeks. They dug two enormous graves side by side in No Man's Land for approximately one hundred fallen soldiers. Then came the most awe-inspiring scenes of that or any war. With a Scottish chaplain presiding and a German theological student interpreting, a burial service was performed in both English and German. After the burial service, the enemy combatants went back to their trenches, but soon returned to No Man's Land to offer gifts, barter goods, exchange souvenirs such as uniform buttons, and to socialize as best they could, despite their language differences. They went so far as to attempt to arrange a soccer (football) match, but it was never actually played. Dozens of men did joyously kick a ball around. What began as a 24-hour armistice lasted ten days. On the tenth day, a

bearded Saxon made his way over to the Gordons' trench and warned, in his broken English, "The Saxons go! The Prussians are coming within the hour! Get in trenches and shoot like hell!"

When the World War ended on Nov. 11, 1918, Jim, then an acting major, recovering from his third wound in a hospital in Edinburgh, learned that of the original 200 soldiers in his company of Gordon Highlanders which landed in France in 1914, he was the only one left alive. Jim was decorated by King George V with a Good Conduct Medal and by France with the Mons Star with Rosette medal. In 1919, Jim entered the United States. After working for a few years and deciding to become a minister, he was further educated at Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating in the Class of 1924. Initially he was assigned to parishes in Halifax and Charlotte Counties. In 1924, Jim was ordained a deacon at Br Parish in Williamsburg by Bishop Beverly D. Tucker. Jim served as chaplain at the Virginia Theological Seminary before becoming the rector for Emanuel Episcopal church in Franklin from 1927 until 1935. Jim served as rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Norfolk from 1935 to 1938. One day while walking to his church to conduct a special ceremony for the Boy Scouts, Jim was struck by a car and suffered a broken left wrist. With his arm in a cast, his intention was to continue walking to his church to conduct the service. His doctor ordered him to walk back home. One could expect such fortitude from a thrice-wounded WWI veteran and the sole survivor of his original 200-man company.

Rev. Sutherland-Watt enjoyed a great reputation in the communities in which he served. As a veteran and as an excellent public speaker, he was asked to give commencement addresses, talks to veterans and civic groups. He denounced the moral wastage of war. He said, "It is this waste that drives our civilization back to the Stone Age. War is the most useless and wasteful thing that has been conceived in the minds of men."

In 1938, Rev. Sutherland-Watt was selected to be the rector of Manakin, St. Luke's and Emanuel



CONTRIBUTED

The final resting place of Rev. James Sutherland-Watt, who served as the rector of St. Luke's, Manakin, Emanuel and Grub Hill Episcopal Churches simultaneously from 1938 until his fatal car accident on Jan. 6, 1941.

Episcopal Churches in Powhatan as well as Grubb Hill Episcopal Church in Amelia. On a visit to Norfolk on Monday, January 6, 1941, while driving, his car was struck by a concrete mixer truck on Airline Parkway near Portsmouth. The driver Elmer Hutchinson, 30, was charged with manslaughter. The only witness to the accident was Jim's passenger, Louis L. Jessup of Ballsville, who received a severe head injury. Rev. Sutherland-Watt died King's Daughters Hospital on the same day. He was 49. He was survived by his wife Elizabeth Hurt Sutherland-Watt, then 31, and their infant daughter, Isabelle Jeannette Sutherland-Watt. Rev. Sutherland-Watt is buried at St. Luke's. His widow remarried two decades later and they resided at Virginia Beach. Their daughter who went by Jeannette, graduated from William & Mary College on a scholarship and married Daniel Walter Donovan. Jeannette died in

2003. She left two children, Isabelle Donovan of Virginia Beach and Daniel W. Donovan, Jr. of Chesapeake. Jim's pallbearers were: Beasley Hancock, Wilson Weisiger, Martin Michaux, Col. James P. Jervey, Jr., P. N. Brauer, Albert Lokken, Valentine Southall and C. R. Loving. The vestries of St. Luke's, Manakin, Emanuel and Grubb Hill were his honorary pallbearers.

The Christmas Truce of 1914 was carried out in different ways all along the 70 mile long Western Front, but probably nowhere else was it welcomed so enthusiastically by both sides as in the sector occupied by the 2nd and 6th Gordon Highlanders and the Saxons opposite. In some places it was observed for Christmas Day only, in some places not at all. In Jim's sector, it lasted for 10 days. It did not end until its tenth day, when the Saxons were replaced by Prussians. This writer sought

to obtain photographs of James Sutherland-Watt from Cambridge University's alumni archives, the Gordon Highlanders Museum in Aberdeen, the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres, Belgium, the Virginia Theological Seminary's alumni archives, and from all of the churches where he served as a rector. Lt. Col. Michael Whitaker, co-treasurer of Christ Episcopal Church in Amelia, which manages the old Grub Hill Church, supplied the only image we have exclusively of Rev. Sutherland-Watt. Joshua Waits, archivist at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, supplied us with a picture of its Class of 1924. We believe that Jim is in the second row, on the far right. Ruth Cox, curator of the Gordon Highlanders Museum in Aberdeen, sent us a picture of some Gordon Highlanders and German Saxon soldiers taken together in No Man's Land on Christmas Day. Jim might be among them; it's impossible to tell. This writer read the following three books hoping to find Jim mentioned but without success. They are: "Silent Night: The Remarkable Truce of 1914," by Stanley Weintraub in 2001; "The True Story of the Christmas Truce," by Anthony Richards in 2021; and "The Gordon Highlanders in the First World War 1914-1919" by Cyril Falls in 1958. In Jim's application to Virginia Theological Seminary, he wrote that he had graduated from Cambridge, but Samatha "Sam" Evans, assistant archivist at Cambridge University Library, responded that there is no record of anyone matriculating at Cambridge by that name. On her own initiative, she did find James listed in the UK War Office's WWI personnel as a then lieutenant. By war's end, James had been promoted to an acting major.

Earlier this month, WCVB aired a program titled "All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914" about a musical "All is Calm," written by Peter Rothstein, the remarkable true story of the Christmas Truce told in words and songs by the men who lived it.

Last week, the St. Luke's Historical Society placed a Christmas wreath on Rev. James Sutherland-Watt's grave to remember

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HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>*** Children/Youth Christian Ed. will be held every Sunday during the 10:00 A.M. service.</p> | | | | | | 1 |
| <p>2 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple Candlemas Groundhog Day 2025</p> | <p>3 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00 A.M. ***** Day School Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.</p> | <p>4 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p> | <p>5 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.</p> | <p>6 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> |
| <p>9 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany VESTRY MEETING AFTER SERVICES</p> | <p>10 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M. @ Mission BBQ Chesapeake</p> | <p>11 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p> | <p>12 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.</p> | <p>13 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.</p> | <p>14 Happy Valentine's Day</p> | <p>15</p> |
| <p>16 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Committee Meeting 11:00 A.M.</p> | <p>17 HOLIDAY Office and Day School Closed</p> | <p>18 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p> | <p>19 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.</p> | <p>20 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p> | <p>26 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.</p> | <p>27 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>1</p> |

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

FEBRUARY 2 -

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Jim Jimeno,

Lector: 8:00 - Charlie Pfeifer, 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Charlie Pfeifer, 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Josie Jimeno

Flower Guild: Jessica Trochanowski



FEBRUARY 9 -

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

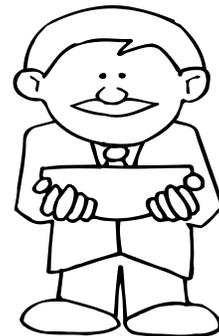
Ushers: Larry Shreve, Vicky Martin

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Dot Pierce

Flower Guild: Dot Pierce



FEBRUARY 16-

Acolyte: Eric Evans

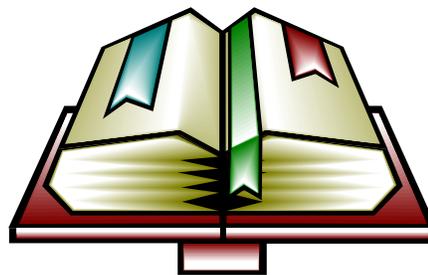
Ushers: Susan Sigler, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Larry Shreve

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Linsey Shreve

Altar Guild: Vel Shreve, Judy Eller

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort



FEBRUARY 23-

Acolyte: Judy Eller

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Jeffrey Pfeifer

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild: Hilda Monte, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Hilda Monte



February

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings are on the 1st Sunday of the month at both the 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. services.

happy
birthday

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

No anniversaries this month.

MISSED IN JANUARY - JUDY ELLER - 1/29

FEBRUARY

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| Midgette, Andrew | 3rd |
| Adams, Bill | 4th |
| Dorrell, Maria | 4th |
| Briscoe, Philip | 11th |
| Smith, Ron Jr. | 11th |
| Diffenbaugh, Andy | 14th |
| Shreve, Matthew | 14th |
| Vanderslice, Kathy | 14th |
| Truxell, Allison | 16th |
| Smith, Ronald III | 17th |
| Williams, Ashley | 18th |
| McGinty, Jodi | 21st |
| DeLoatche, Lauren | 22nd |
| Adams, Jonathan | 22nd |
| Authement, Yvonne | 23rd |
| Kakol, Steve | 23rd |

If we missed your special date, we are **very** sorry. Please take some time to let the office know so we can update our records. Call - (757) 466-9392 or email - laura@stpeters-norfolk.org

Please visit our website for online ordering if you would like to donate flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of a loved one or an event.

The website **eliminates mistakes** that would hinder the ordering of flowers, and the Flower Guild can personalize the arrangements easier.

The price is \$50 per Sunday or \$25 if two people share the date.



The deadline for articles in 'The Call' is the fifteenth of each month.

**Send articles to :
laura@stpeters-norfolk.org
or call the church office - 757-466-9392.**

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)



**Joe, Michael, Matt, David, Mario, Kyle, Frank, Courtney,
Hannah, Chris, Chloe, Allan, Roger**



*Please keep these people in your prayers.
Notify the office to remove from or add to
these lists. Thank you.*

The Veterans are always in need of:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, tissues & handkerchiefs (new unopened). No candy, food, or drinks right now. They **are** accepting used clothing items again.

Please bring your donations to church and place them in the baskets and box provided in the parish hall. Thank you all for your continued support!



VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden - Linsey Shreve ('25)

Jr. Warden - Debbie Whitehorne ('24)

Judy Eller ('24), Charlie Pfeifer ('24), Liz Kress ('25), Peggy Pfeifer ('25), Vel Shreve ('26), and Charlotte Corbett ('26)

Holy Father, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us as we chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, our leaders and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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| Edward Klaus III | BJ Neaves | Karen Kakol |
| Niko Miyashiro | Lois Deloatche | Haley G. |
| Jessica T. | Patsi Walton | Mary Johnston |
| Wayne Radford | Kathy Vanderslice | John Eidam |
| Karleen Smith | Dewey Radford | Barbara LaDue |
| Luanne Cattley | Mary Robson | Robyn Klaus |
| Roger Bowser | Sarah Kakol | Charlotte Corbett |
| Howard Belote | Susan Sigler | Eddie Klaus II |
| Nancy Davis | Dot Pierce | Joyce Caldwell |
| Mary Horkey | Josie C | Megan C |
| Val Powell | Debbie Hollister | Joan Crowther |
| Denise McCue | Shelly-Ann Tenia | Bert Truxell |
| Teri Stephenson | The Rev. Canon Ross Wright | |
| Christine Alexander | Krista Itzen | Pam Standish |
| Temperance Robinson | Holly Robinson | James Boyd |
| Rachael McIntosh | Tom Lambert | Susie Manning |
| Bob Alford | Dan Smith | Betty Hayden |
| Joan Wilson | John Miller | Sharon Dashiell |
| Megan (Whitehorne) Daniels | | Marlena Spiva |
| Eddie & Lisa Stanfield | Paul & Lee Nelson | |
| Bruce & Nancy Comfort | Clay & Wanda Smith | |
| Leslie & Charlie Pereira | Debbie & Kenny | |
| Jack & Dianne McKnight | Myles & Family | |
| Brian & Brenda Hallman | Jodi & Sean McGinty | |
| Kathy & Tim Sarver | Mary & Larry Laine | |
| Dee & Glen Smith | Wade & Karen Freidt | |
| Sheila & Tom Lambert | Evans Family | |

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2024

Opening: The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library on December 15, 2024. Attending the meeting were Linsey Shreve, Judy Eller, Vel Shreve, Charlotte Corbett, Debbie Whitehorne, Liz Kress, Charlie Pfeifer, and Peggy Pfeifer. This meeting began with a prayer at 11:30 A.M.

Minutes: The minutes from November 17, 2024, were approved with a motion from Judy Eller and seconded by Vel Shreve. It was passed by acclamation.

Financial Report: Charlie presented October's Financial Report. A motion from Vel Shreve to accept the financial report was made and seconded by Debbie Whitehorne. It was passed by acclamation.

Following the presentation of the financials, Charlie also discussed the stewardship campaign. We have currently received pledges in the amount of \$168,290.00. There are two pledges that should be made soon of approximately \$13,000.00 but there is \$11,320.00 in pledges that we will not be receiving due to a possible transfer and the lack of a full-time priest. He explained that the Day School was unable to pay the rent due to low enrollment, especially in extended care. We need to make use of social media and get the word out to increase our population so the church can start collecting rent again. He also explained that he was working on the 2025 budget for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting January 12, 2025.

Senior Warden's Report: Linsey Shreve reported that Rev. John Francis Maher III is hoping to be licensed in Southern Virginia in January which will hopefully allow him to serve at St. Peter's more often.

The next meeting is January 12th following the 10:00 service and Annual Parish Meeting.

Junior Warden:

The inside of the doors in the church/admin offices need re-painting. Dan Smith has submitted a proposal to do this work and another proposal to repair the termite damage around the double outside doors in the back of the church.

The janitorial contractor has fallen behind in the cleaning of the day school and church. Debbie Whitehorne has a bid by Stratus to take over the janitorial service. The amount would be equal to the current contract and would include taking all the trash cans to the curb and not just 2. Charlie made the motion that we accept this contract with Stratus, Liz Kress seconded this motion, and it passed by acclamation.

The groundskeeper contractor will also need to be reviewed. This will, however, need to be handled by the new Junior Warden as Debbie Whitehorne's term will be ending this year.

Dan Smith also submitted a bid to repair, replace and repaint the A-frame over the "Red Door". This work can only be done when the power is shut down for the electrical work on the boxes and conduit supply lines that issue from these electrical supply boxes.

Old Business:

The above-mentioned electrical work costs may be covered under the Building and Grounds Grant from the Diocese. We will need to explore the wiring first to get an estimate of what the costs would be. Most work that needs to be performed at the Church and Day School will need to wait until we get the ERC.

And on that note, Charlie let us know that the application for the ERC (Employee Retention Credit) was still in consideration and would be until at least January 21st. At this time, the incoming president may squash any probability of receiving anything.

New Business:

Parochial Report – this report is submitted to the National Church. It is usually handled by the Treasurer and Rector. As we are without a Rector, this will be filled out by Charlie and another individual (Linsey Shreve, Sr. Warden 2024, as Ecclesiastical Authority) for submittal by March 1, 2025. There is also an app that can help us fill this out by submitting the data into this Parish Register App. No final decision was made as to using the App at this time.

Sunday Donations - It was decided that the loose cash and any cash money in a pledge envelope would be counted and noted before it is completely reconciled and deposited.

A thank you was issued to Linsey for serving as Senior Warden during this trying time.

The next Vestry meeting will be January 12, 2025 following the Annual Parish meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kallestad

Registrar

REMINDER:



****From Laura: My family member is a retired Park Police IT specialist and is kept aware of new (and the resurgence of old) scams used to target individuals throughout the world. This is one of his latest warnings - please, please, please read, beware and be aware. Spread this information to all family and friends who may not know about this or are vulnerable!**

Beware of Brushing Scam!

A recent scam has been showing up in many states. A "brushing" scam is when someone receives an unexpected gift or item not ordered in the mail from a place like Amazon or other company. Examples of gifts include, rings, bracelets, necklaces, Bluetooth speaker, etc. The gift will have the recipient's address, but not include the sender's information or be from a known retailer. When the recipient opens the package to see what it is and possibly who sent it, there is a QR code to scan to find out who sent the gift.

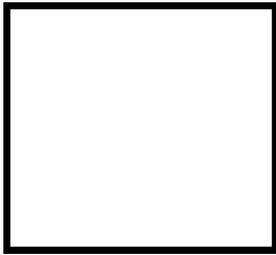
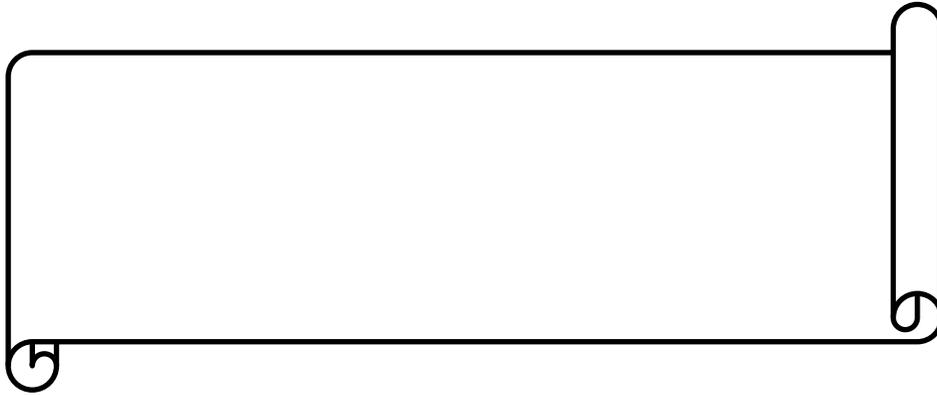
Once the code is scanned, all the information from that phone will be sent to scammers. They receive all access to the phone. All personal and financial information is accessible to the scammers and often the victim's bank accounts are drained.

The gift can be kept or thrown away, but the QR code should NOT be scanned for any reason. QR code scams are nothing new. These scams show up in all places, including parking meters.

Inform your family members about the scam and avoid scanning any unknown QR codes included in the package.

For those who may not know, this is an example of a QR Code:





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Happy Presidents Day

