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## Jim's Corner

To say that 2023 has been a year of learning and formation for me would be an understatement! To begin with, in January, a vestry consisting of ten individuals was elected at the Annual Meeting, an increase of six from December 2022. Several months later, one vestry member resigned for health reasons, leaving a vestry of nine. I began the second part of Interim Ministry Network (IMN) Training in January and finished the class work in August. My homework, between January and August, was to develop a "project" that would apply what I have learned from IMN to a practical need of the parish. That need, as I discerned it, and with which the vestry unanimously agreed, was to revision where God is calling St. Peter's. What is God calling us to do? What is our vision and mission? The

project I developed, and which a newly-formed Transition Team helped to execute, included four Formation Events, the information from which will be used by the vestry, at a vestry retreat scheduled for February 3, 2024, to discern our vision and mission. These Formation Events were led by the diocesan Canon for Formation, Mrs. Lynn Farlin, and held on the Sundays of September 10 and 24, and October 8 and 22. These Formation Events were informative, well-attended, participatory, and engaging. I believe that those who attended were blessed.

In October, the formation of the Search Committee began. At the November 13th vestry meeting Yvonne Authement, Greg Evans, Liz Kress, Vel Shreve, Bob Vanderslice, Patsi Walton, and Debbie Whitehorne were voted to constitute the Search Committee. The Committee

Presiding Bishop:

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry**

Diocesan Bishop:

**The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes**

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Interim Rector:

**The Rev. Dr. James W. Hunter**

Secretary:

**Laura Kallestad**

Organist:

**Elizabeth Miller**

Treasurer:

**Charlie Pfeifer**

will be responsible for developing a parish profile which will be given to clergy who are considering applying to St. Peter's for the position as Rector. This profile will contain information about St. Peter's that will be important for any candidate to know about the parish. This information will include a clear vision and mission statement; our parish history; information about the Hampton Roads vicinity and the amenities it offers; information gathered from a parish survey about what St. Peter's is looking for in a rector, personal characteristics of St. Peter's parishioners, pastoral care, and feelings and attitudes of St. Peter's parishioners; St. Peter's buildings and grounds; our church organization; parish finances; the Day School; an organizational chart of the parish, and other information. Although the vestry retreat will not be until February, the Search Committee can start work on the parish profile well before then. The Search Committee will also interview candidates by telephone and/or in person, possibly traveling to see them in their home environment to experience a worship service, and to whittle down the candidates to two or three who will then be given to the Vestry for its consideration and selection. There is a lot of work to be done, and we need to trust the Holy Spirit to bring the right candidate to us, in God's time.

The Day School graduation program was held on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, though the last day of school was Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>. During the Summer months of July and August, Jason Nowland and Bob Vanderslice hosted seven Wednesday Movie Nights offering Christian-based movies for our summer entertainment. Also, from July 24 through the 28<sup>th</sup>, Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by children of the parish as well as the children of the Day School. On Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, members of the parish enjoyed an evening of baseball at the Tidewater Tides Faith and Family Night (the Tides came up short). New Trustees of the parish were registered with the Norfolk Circuit Court on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees of the parish are Charles Pfeifer (continuing as a Trustee), Kimberly Truxell, Bruce Comfort, and Linsey Shreve, all new Trustees. On Sunday, November 19, the kitchen was formally named The Rennick – “Comfort” Kitchen in thanksgiving and recognition of the work Roger and Bonnie Rennick and Bruce Comfort have contributed to the kitchen over the years.

Now, the numbers:

Sunday Services of Holy Eucharist	105
Private Holy Eucharist Services	9
Baptisms	0
Confirmations	0
Weddings	0
Burials	1 Memorial Service for Hazel Roberta Shreve
Transfers In	1 Amanda L. Kregiel
Transfers Out	0

# Announcing

## The

### 2024 Lenten Program

Fr. Jim will lead the five-week Lenten program using Philip Yancey's book and DVD study of *Vanishing Grace*. Quoting from the information on the back of his book:

Countering the Bad News about the Good News

“Why does the church stir up such negative feelings?”

Philip Yancey has been asking this question all his life, a question more relevant now than ever. Research shows that in a twenty-year span starting in the mid-nineties, favorable opinions of Christians have plummeted drastically. And opinions of evangelicals have taken even deeper dives.

Yet despite the turn away from Christianity, interest in spirituality is rising. Why the disconnect? Why are so many questioning, “What’s so good about the Good News?”

Even more important, how can Christians make a positive, grace-filled difference in a world of desperate need?

In this important book, ... Philip Yancey explores what may have contributed to hostility toward Christians. He then offers illuminating stories of how artists, activists, and pilgrims are expressing their faith in ways that disarm even the most cynical critics.

“See to it that no one misses the grace of God,” writes the author of Hebrews. In this book, Yancey paints a poignant picture of what the world would look like if Christians fulfilled this command as a way of life.

We will meet in the parish hall, Wednesday evenings from 7 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the latest (we may be finished by 8, depending on the size of the group and the discussion), on February 21, 28 and March 6, 13, and 20. The book and Study Guide can be found at [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com) and Amazon. The study will begin with a DVD presentation by Philip Yancey, and this will be followed by discussion based on the Study Guide. A sign-up sheet will be on the information table in the parish hall, so we can know how many folks to expect. Bring a friend!



# MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The Ladies Luncheon**-The ladies of St. Peter's meet on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. Please join us on January 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 P.M. at Village Inn, 313 Virginia Beach Blvd., Va Beach. Bring a friend. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall. For more information contact Millie Coward cell (757) 469-5887/[m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net)

**The Altar Guild** – **!!!!We need your help!!!!** We are looking for any man, woman or young person that is confirmed in the Episcopal Church to join this ministry. We welcome you to join our team to help prepare the altar for celebrations of worship such as weddings, baptisms, funerals, and Sunday services. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Millie Coward cell (757)469-5887/[m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net). Please give some prayer about joining this very critically-needed ministry of St Peter's.



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**- We continue to knit, crochet, and loom for various organizations. In December we completed 3 washcloths and 3 soap sacs for Judeo Christian Outreach Center, 10 chemo hats for Virginia Oncology, 24 breast prostheses for a local breast surgeon, 28 preemie hats and 4 infant hats for area hospitals. If you would like to help us supply these much needed items or learn how to knit, crochet, or loom please join us January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the Diffenbaugh Library. We have expert teachers and all the supplies you will need to practice. For more specifics please contact Millie Coward, cell (757) [469-5887](tel:757-469-5887)/ [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net)

Need a gift? We have a few beautiful white shawls that may be used for a baby blanket or a lap cover. They are \$30 each. These shawls would sell for at least 3 times the cost we are offering. All proceeds go to the Prayer Shawl Ministry to help cover the cost of yarn. If you are interested or would just like to see one, please contact any member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry or Millie Coward at (757)469-5887 or [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net)



A **Search Committee**, consisting of seven church members, has begun the process of finding a new rector. The Search committee members are:

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Vel Shreve (Chair) | Bob Vanderslice   |
| Yvonne Authement   | Patsi Walton      |
| Greg Evans         | Debbie Whitehorne |
| Liz Kress          |                   |

The committee will meet at least monthly (more if needed). Reports on our progress will be announced to the congregation regularly.

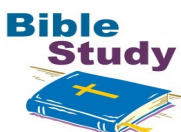


Several times each year diocesan staff lead a free training day for lay leaders serving in the following areas:

**Eucharistic Minister \*\* Eucharistic Visitor \*\* Worship Leader \*\* Lay Reader/ Lector**

This year it is on January 13th, 2024 at Grace Episcopal in Norfolk from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. and includes a lunch.

Attendance at one of the training days will meet the training requirement for licensing for Eucharistic Ministers and Worship Leaders. Eucharistic Visitors must also have a current certificate of completion of Specialized Safe Church Training prior to being licensed. If you are interested in any of the above ministry fields, and would like to attend this training session, please see Father Jim+ for more information. We are always in need of more volunteers to serve in these areas.



**Bible Study** meeting is on Thursdays at 10:30A.M., in the Diffenbaugh Library. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and don't forget to bring a friend.

## *A word from St. Peter's Search Committee*

### *The search for a new pastor:*

*St. Peter's Search Committee was formed in the past few weeks and is comprised of volunteers meeting certain guidelines and who have answered the call to serve on this important committee. Their purpose is to search for and forward to the Vestry their selections for the individuals recommended for consideration by the Vestry of the person God has already called to serve as St. Peter's next pastor. The committee was commissioned on December 10th during the 10:00 A.M. service and is comprised of:*

*Vel Shreve, Committee Chair*

*Bob Vanderslice, Recorder*

*Liz Kress*

*Patsi Walton*

*Debbie Whitehorne*

*Yvonne Authment*

*Greg Evans*

*The committee has met twice to date and will meet one additional time prior to its first meeting with Canon Roy Hoffman on January 24th.*

*We are presently working on developing the first parish profile document St. Peter's has ever had, to present and discuss with Canon Hoffman. This is what comprised most of the first two meetings.*

*We will keep you advised as things progress through the search process.*

*Respectfully,*

*Bob Vanderslice*



# Racial Healing Workshop

Engage in transformative racial healing through our Diocesan Workshop, fostering empathy and understanding in a lifelong spiritual journey.

**\*\*While we encourage all to take this workshop, there are specific individuals and groups within the diocese who are required to complete it. Those individuals and groups include search committees, vestries and leadership boards (Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Executive Board, among others), diocesan staff, church staff, and clergy.**

## Upcoming Local Workshop:

**NEWLY LISTED**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**  
**9 A.M. – 3 P.M.**  
Ascension, Norfolk

Register at:  
[www.diosova.org](http://www.diosova.org)

# January 2024

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224 S. Military Hwy  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>2 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>8:00 P.M. AA MEETING</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 <b>The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ</b></p>
<p>7 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II</p> <p>First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p><b>Annual Parish Meeting - 11:30 A.M.</b></p>	<p>8 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M.</p> <p>Vestry Meeting- 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 P.M. AA MEETING</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II</p> <p><b>Bishop Haynes will be with us today! Reception following the 10:00 A.M. service.</b></p> <p>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 P.M. AA MEETING</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II</p> <p>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Day School Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 P.M. AA MEETING</p>	<p>24 Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>Search Committee Meeting w/ Canon Hoffman - 7:00 P.M.</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II</p> <p>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <p><b>Search Committee Meeting - 11:30 A.M.</b></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 P.M. AA MEETING</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Cursillo Small Groups- 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

### JANUARY 7 - 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

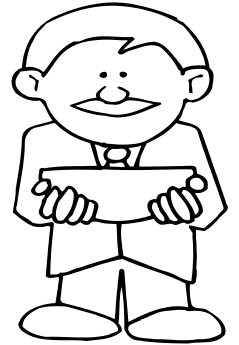
Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Steve Kakol

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler; 10:00 - Larry hreve

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty: Elizabeth Miller, Jessica Trochanowski



### JANUARY 14 - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

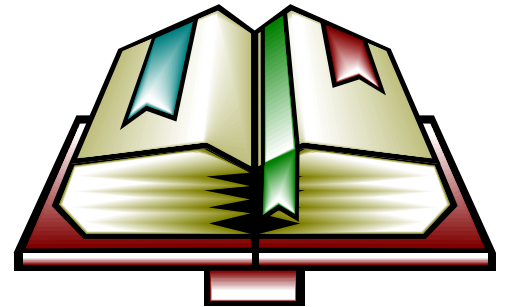
Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Howard Belote, Jim Jimeno

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

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

Altar Guild Duty: Ashley Pierce, Vel Shreve



### JANUARY 21- 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

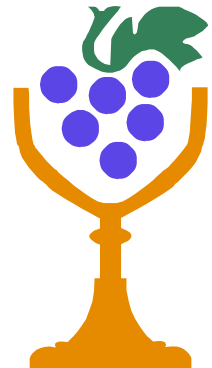
Acolyte: Eric Evans

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Susan Sigler

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler; 10:00 - Greg Evans

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Judy Eller

Altar Guild Duty: Charlotte Corbett, Millie Coward



### JANUARY 28- 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

Ushers: Greg Evans, Steve Kakol

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

LEM: 8:00 - Charlie Pfeifer; 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty: Judy Eller, Elizabeth Miller







## January 2024

January 7 Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

January 14 Linsey Shreve, Bronwyn Shreve

January 21 Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

January 28 Debbie Whitehorne, Linsey Shreve



# JANUARY

**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.**



Michael Caldwell	1st
Robert Whitehorne	3rd
Marissa Weissner	3rd
Jim Hunter	6th
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

Dana & Brad Bolding	1/4/03
Ron & Hilda Monte	1/26/20

Please call the office with anyone we may have missed on our lists for birthdays and/or anniversaries. Thank you.

All articles for the next issue of "The Call" are due by the 15th of the month.  
Send articles to :  
laura@stpeters-norfolk.org  
or call the church office  
757-466-9392.

*A 2023 Flower Chart is located in the vestibule as you enter the parish hall.*

*It is ONE way to order flowers for a special Sunday.*

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

*The website eliminates mistakes that could hinder the ordering of flowers.*

*The price stays the same, \$72 per Sunday or \$36 if two people give on the same day.*

# 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, Chloe, Hannah Comfort-Tarbell, David, Courtney, Frank, Kyle, Michael, Allan, Mario, Roger Riffle, Chris Trochanowski**



**The Veterans are always in need of:**



*Please keep these people in your prayers*

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

**To be determined January 7th, 2024 at the Annual Parish Meeting.**

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.

Edward Klaus III	BJ Neaves	JoAnne Stone
Rick Daniels	Niko Miyashiro	Lois Deloatch
Haley G.	Jessica T.	Patsi Walton
Wayne Radford	Kathy Vanderslice	John Eidam
Nancy Evans	Kathleen Spudes	Dewey Radford
Luanne Cattley	Mary Robson	Robyn Klaus
Roger Bowser	Sarah Kakol	Charlotte Corbet
Howard Belote	Susan Sigler	Eddie Klaus II
Elma Hagemeyer	Nancy Davis	Dot Pierce
Mary Horkey	Josie C	Megan C
Val Powell	Debbie Hollister	Joan Crowther
Denise McCue	Shelly-Ann Tenia	Karen Freidt
Bert Truxell	Teri Stephenson	
Bruce & Nancy Comfort	Clay & Wanda Smith	
Charlie & Leslie Pereira	Debbie & Kenny	
Jack & Dianne McKnight	Myles & Family	
Brian & Brenda Hallman	Jodi & Sean McGinty	
Kathy & Tim Sarver	Paul & Lee Nelson	
Lacey & Dan Pollard		

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2023**

**Opening:** The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library and via Zoom on November 13, 2023. Attending the meeting in person were Fr. Jim Hunter, Kimberly Truxell, Vel Shreve, Judy Eller, Liz Kress, Bruce Comfort, and Debbie Whitehorne. Attending via Zoom were Charlie Pfeifer, and Peggy Pfeifer.

**Agenda:** Fr. Jim asked all to look at the agenda for the evening and see if any changes or additions needed to be made before starting. Kimberly asked that Lay Ministry License and Chanco be added to New Business. Bruce asked that Thermostats be added under Old Business. Debbie requested that "Security Grant" be added under old business. Kimberly Truxell motioned to accept the agenda with amendments, Vel seconded. Passed with amendments by acclamation.

**September 2023 Minutes:** Corrections: "July" financial report needs to be changed to "September" and clarification needs to be added that "Bruce" will contact Climatesmakers. Fr. Jim asked that the "1099" be changed to "1099 Contractor". Should add "Whitehorne" to clarify Robert's last name. A few other minor changes were requested. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Judy Eller and seconded by Debbie Whitehorne. The minutes as amended were approved by acclamation.

**October Financial Report:** Kimberly reported on the October Financials.

The Cash Account Balances for October 2023 are as follows:

Operating Account:	\$35,918.99
Money Market Account	\$40,075.07
Composite Fund:	\$71,104.39
Total Net Assets:	\$150,263.75

Vel motioned to accept the October Financial Report and Liz seconded. It was approved by acclamation.

**Rector's Report:** Fr. Jim reported that he took Holy Communion to 2 families.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Nothing to report that isn't under New/Old business.

**Junior Warden:** Nothing at this time.

**New Business:**

1. **Christmas Party** at "Chez Hunter" Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 – 8:30 P.M.
2. **Search Committee Candidates Approval:** Names of those who have agreed to serve are: Vel Shreve, Bob Vanderslice, Greg Evans, Patsi Walton, Liz Kress, Debbie Whitehorne and maybe Yvonne Authment. Fr. Jim asked the Vestry to approve the Search Committee Nominees. Bruce motioned to approve these nominations; Judy seconded. Passed by acclamation. The first meeting will be late November or early December. Commissioning will be held at a 10:00 A.M. service.
3. **Chanco:** Capital Campaign donation requested. Will be presented to the congregation for donations.
4. **Lay Minister Licenses:** Need for renewal of this through the Diocese – Laura has already done this. But we will double check on this.

**Old Business:**

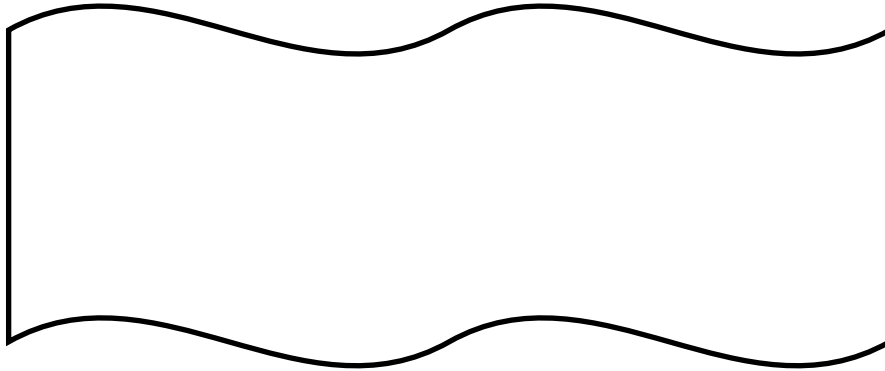
1. **Commitment Sunday Brunch/Naming the Kitchen:** will be this coming Sunday – November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Larry and Jim will have the plaque hung in the Parish Hall and ready for the ceremony which will be held prior to the brunch. All the Vestry members will be providing food for the parishioners. Fr. Jim will be sending out an email to encourage all the parishioners to attend.
2. **Electrical Problems:** Debbie has two names to call to get estimates to see what it would cost to have the electrical issues addressed.
3. **Operation Christmas Child:** Debbie reported that it went very well, especially for our first year doing this and it will be done again next year. 21 boxes in total were gifted by the church and day school.
4. **Interim Ministry Update:** Search Committee has been formed. Lynn Farlin will be leading the Vestry Retreat.
5. **Trustees:** Charlie has finished this assignment and the Trustees as listed were approved by the City Courts in Norfolk.
6. **Bylaws:** Charlie has tried to conceptualize a set of bylaws for the church. He has been working with the canons of the Diocese and adapting for our individual needs as a church. Charlie will continue to work on them and hopefully have them completed by the next Vestry meeting.
7. **Thermostats:** Bruce has reprogrammed the thermostats. Need to remove the covers so that when the church is in use, it can be adjusted, and the thermostat will automatically return to the schedule if they are not set back when not needed anymore.
8. **Security Grant:** Our application was denied. Virginia Department of Emergency Management suggested that we apply again next year.

The next Vestry meeting will be December 11, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the remainder of the Evening Prayer service and then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kallestad  
Registrar



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## THE CALL

“We celebrate our life in Jesus Christ, proclaim our faith in Him through word and deed, and create a loving and caring environment that draws people to Jesus and equips them for ministry.”

# THE CALL - JANUARY 2024

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*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.*

