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Jim's Corner

As we celebrate the Fourth of July and the 247th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, our nation faces numerous challenges. The Fourth of July is a joyous day marked by patriotic music, parades, barbeque cookouts, and, naturally, FIREWORKS. We celebrate the freedom we have due to the personal sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of men and women who fought to make and keep us free from tyranny. Over the years and centuries, our ancestors have struggled, and succeeded, to defend our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These are our God-given rights, not given to us by the government. These are rights worth dying for, as many brave souls have.

The fight to be free seems to never end. Today our culture has, in my humble opinion, deteriorated into the

balkanization of the nation into different identity groups. The fabric of our republic is under attack and being frayed by different ideologies. We cannot sit back and watch the destruction of this nation. We need to hold onto the values of faith, hope, and love that our Lord has instilled in us. What I am advocating is not violence, of course, but to energetically resist the negative, toxic influences that are at work in our culture. Personally, I will not endorse or enable any behavior contrary to the teachings of Christ. I would say more about this, but this is all I can say for now. If you would like to talk with me personally, I would welcome that conversation. Freedom is not free. We must fight for it, or we will lose it.

There is one area in which freedom is truly free. "Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you

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are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will be made free?' Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not continue in the house for ever; the son continues for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.'" (John 8:31-36, RSV). We find true freedom in Christ. The "truth" Jesus is speaking about is not knowledge in general, but saving truth. To be truly free is to be free from sin and its slavery. This is what Jesus achieved by dying on a cross. He defeated the power of sin by not succumbing to the temptation to disobey God the Father's will. He killed death by being raised from the dead by God the Father, never to die again. This is the true freedom Jesus offers all who believe, trust, in him. When we find true freedom in Christ, we become united in the love of Christ. We are one *in* Christ. Anything that is done to divide us, is not Christian. Paul said, "For by grace you have been saved by faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9, RSV). This salvation is truly free because we do not deserve it, we did not earn it, and, once we have it, no one can take it away from us. "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor *anything else in all creation* (emphasis added), will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39, RSV). This freedom and unity we celebrate and remember every time we receive the Holy Eucharist.

So, let's joyfully celebrate our freedoms under the Constitution of the United States of America this Fourth of July. Remember that we stand on the shoulders of those brave men and women who gave us this nation and fought for our liberty. Most importantly of all, always remember and celebrate the freedom and unity we have in our Lord, Jesus the Christ.



MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



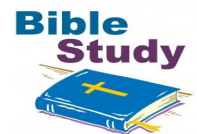
The ladies of St. Peter's meet on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. On July 10th at 12:30 p.m. we will be enjoying fellowship and good food at Ruby Tuesday, 1201 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall. For more information, contact Millie Coward cell (757) 469-5887/m.jlc@verizon.net.

The Altar Guild – We are looking for any man, woman, or young person that is confirmed in the Episcopal Church to join this ministry. We need your help! 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@verizon.net. Please consider this calling and give prayer over joining this very critically-needed ministry of St Peter's.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry- We have had another busy month knitting, crocheting, and looming items for various organizations. In June, the following items were hand crafted to: area hospitals- 12 baby hats, 10 preemie hats, and 1 baby blanket; Virginia Oncology- 31 chemo caps; Judeo Christian Outreach Center- 14 wash cloths and 13 soap sacs; homeless- 7 scarves. Some of these items were donated by at-home knitters and crocheters. So grateful you are out there working for such a worthy cause. If you are interested in this ministry but are unable to attend the meetings, you could also help us by knitting or crocheting from the comfort of your home. We will be taking a summer break in July and August from our normal meetings. But please consider joining us for our next meeting September 5th at 10 a.m. in the Diffenbaugh Library. If you would like to learn one of these crafts, we have expert teachers and all the supplies you will need to practice. For more specifics, please contact Millie Coward, cell (757) 469-5887 / m.jlc@verizon.net

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.



Vacation Bible School will be held July 24, 2023, through July 28, 2023. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this wonderful event. We do have a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for snack supplies, please have a look! It will be a morning VBS, but there is a lot of work you can help with whenever you are available. The children are so much fun to work with, and they are so important to the future of our church.

Sunday School will be taking a summer break through the months of July and August. They will re-start in September, 2023. The nursery will be available for diaper changes, feedings, etc. if needed. **Please do not leave children in any of the Sunday school rooms without supervision. Thank you.**



Special Announcements

Letter from the Transition Team:

Every living being in God's creation experiences transition on a consistent and continual basis. We human beings are not exempt from the joys and struggles of transition. Our lives are filled with transitions big and small, be it the commute from home to work, a move to a new town, the day we embrace a new job, or the moment we bid farewell to a beloved friend. God is in the midst of all of our transitions, leading us from the wilderness of hope to the joy of the Promised Land. In the midst of our transitions God provides us "food enough," giving us everything we need and then some. Church Communities are not by any means exempt from transition. Congregations are continually transitioning from Sunday to Sunday and from Season to Season. Our congregation is now in the midst of a significant transition as we begin the process that leads to the call of a new rector. Please remember that God is in the midst of our congregation as we enter this transition, providing us "food enough" and everything we need to faithfully enter this process. Our Diocesan Bishop is with us on this journey, providing us the support, encouragement and guidance we need at this time. The Diocesan Transition Minister (consultant) serves as the Bishop's liaison to our congregation and pledges to provide us the consultation and resources needed to transition successfully into the next stage of our congregation's life. Two-way communication between the congregation, clergy, and the Bishop's Office is an essential ingredient of a successful search. We are in the process of developing our document which is intended as a roadmap of this transition process. It is not, nor should it be used as, a step-by-step guide. Each congregational situation is unique and should be treated as such. There is always a measure of uncertainty when a congregation is in transition. However, be assured, this is a time of great grace and promise. Parish communities often discover in transition that they have a capacity for faithfulness, creativity, humor, and spiritual maturity that they did not know before. The Transition team's hope and prayer is that you will discover new joys and opportunities to be light and salt for the world as we embark on this journey. Please continue to pray for our team and congregation as we move forward in this process. There will be more information being shared in the coming weeks as we develop our transition document.

ST. PETER'S AT THE BALL PARK ONCE AGAIN!



Faith & Family Night with the Norfolk Tides playing against the Nashville Sounds, Tuesday, July 25th, 2023. The game begins at 6:30 p.m.. The first pitch is at 6:35 p.m. **Box tickets are \$11.00.** If you plan on attending, please sign the list in the parish hall, with the number in your group. Many of us ride "The Tide" to the ballpark from the Newtown Road Station. We'll meet up at the ballpark. Directions can be found on-line @Tide's Tram Newtown Road Station. You can purchase your tram ticket at the station or online. Please pay at church for game tickets by Sunday, July 9th; tickets will be provided Sunday, July 23rd. Contact Nancy Comfort for more information.

Acts of Kindness Ministry:

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southern Va. Acts of Kindness May, 2023 - Food Drive!



A BIG thank-you to everyone that made this donation possible. We were also recognized by the Diocese for our participation. We will continue to donate any items brought into the church - basket is in the Parish Hall!

Kindness
Pass It On:

Give a flower **Eat lunch with someone new**
Listen with your heart **Visit a sick friend**
clean a neighbor's walk **Offer a hug**
Give an unexpected gift **Make a new friend**
Pick up litter **Say "hello"** **Open a door**
Plant a tree **Help carry a load** **Share a snack**
Cheer up a friend **Thank a teacher or mentor**
Read to a young child **Lend a hand** **Do a kind act daily**
Leave a thank you note **Offer your seat**
Cycle courteously **BE TOLERANT** **Let another go first**
Bake cookies to share **Give a compliment**
Help a student make friends **Donate your gently used items**
Give a balloon away **Lend a pencil** **Respect others**
Celebrate something new every day **Do a favor**
Encourage a friend **Use a reusable water bottle**
Walk a dog **Forgive mistakes** **Smile at someone**

the random acts of
Kindness foundation.

randomacts of kindness.org



Dear Parish Family -

Sometimes you may notice the flowers on the altar are not given to the church by anyone in particular. These flowers were simply given to the Glory of God by the people of St. Peter's who have graciously donated to our Flower Fund. The idea of having fresh-cut flowers on the altar provides an acknowledgment to the living God in our midst at our Sunday services and always.

We welcome and need contributions to this fund to keep the supply of flowers available every Sunday. If you are enjoying the look of the altar with the fresh flowers, we please ask for your contribution however large or small. All proceeds will be allocated to the "Flower Fund" only.

If you desire to donate or contribute flowers any given Sunday "In Thanksgiving for" or "In Memory of" a person or persons, you may:

- note that on the Flower Fund offering envelope***
- sign up on the board in the vestibule**
- order on our website**
- note it in the memo line of your check.**

***The envelopes are located in the Parish Hall and Narthex.**

Thank you.

July 2023

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|--|---|--------------------------------|-----|
| | | | Movie nights begin at *6:30 with refreshments then - movie starts at 7:00. | | | 1 |
| 2 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 5th Sunday after Pentecost | 3 | 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!!  | 5 MOVIE NIGHT "Hoovey" | 6 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M. | 7 | 8 |
| 9 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 6th Sunday after Pentecost | 10 Ladies Luncheon at Ruby Tuesday 12:30 P.M. Vestry Meeting 7:00 P.M. | 11 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING | 12 MOVIE NIGHT "The Perfect Stranger" | 13 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M. | 14 | 15 |
| 16 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 7th Sunday after Pentecost | 17 Day School Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. | 18 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING | 19 MOVIE NIGHT "The Mulligan" | 20 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M. | 21 | 22 |
| 23 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 8th Sunday after Pentecost | 24 VBS Begins (9:00 - 12:00) Monday thru Friday | 25 VBS (9:00 - 12:00) Tidewater Tides Faith and Family Night 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING | 26 VBS (9:00 - 12:00) MOVIE NIGHT "Left Behind: The Rise of the Anti-christ" | 27 VBS (9:00 - 12:00) NO BIBLE STUDY | 28 VBS Last Day (9:00 - 12:00) | 29 |
| 30 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 9th Sunday after Pentecost | 31 | | | * 6:30 P.M. - Refreshments/dinner: Hot Dogs, Nacho chips and cheese, popcorn and beverage. | | |

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

JULY 2 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

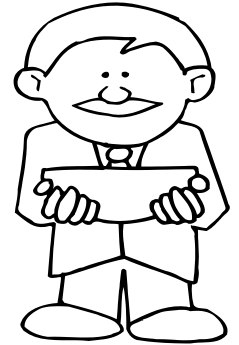
Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

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

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

Altar Guild Duty: Lynne Monette, Nancy Comfort



JULY 9 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

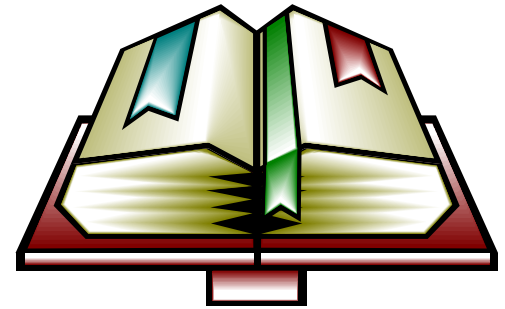
Acolyte: Eric Evans, Nancy Comfort

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Jim Jimeno

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

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

Altar Guild Duty: Jessica Trochanowski, Judy Eller



JULY 16- 7th Sunday after Pentecost

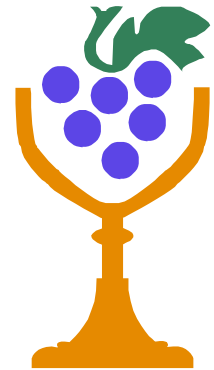
Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Howard Belote

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

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

Altar Guild Duty: Millie Coward, Ashley Pierce



JULY 23 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Vicky Martin

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

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

Altar Guild Duty: Millie Coward, Vel Shreve

JULY 30 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Eric Evans, Nancy Comfort

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Greg Evans

Lector: 8:00 Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Debbie Whitehorne

Altar Guild Duty: Vel Shreve, Charlotte Corbett



CHILDREN'S LESSON FOR JULY!

One day, Jesus was heading toward Jerusalem with a group of disciples. As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus said to the man, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but I don't even have a place to lay my head." He wanted the man to understand that following him might not always be fun and easy.

Then Jesus turned to another man in the group and said, "Follow me."

The man answered, "First let me go and bury my Father."

One of the other men with Jesus said, "Lord, I will follow you, but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus answered him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Jesus wants you and me to follow him too. If he were here speaking to us today, he might say to us, "It's OK for you to have a To-Do list, but you need to make sure that you keep first things first, and the first thing on your list must be to follow me."

It is good for us to have a plan for our daily life. There are many good things that we do each day, but the most important thing is to follow Jesus. Let's remember to keep first things first.

Heavenly Father, we understand that it isn't always easy to follow Jesus, but nothing in life is more important. Help us to make following Jesus the number one thing in our life. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.®

These two pages are a trial run; if you want to see these each month, please contact the office.



I want to follow Jesus. He is God's Son.

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, David, Courtney, Frank, Kyle, Michael, Allan, Mario, Roger



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!



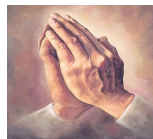
VESTRY MEMBERS

Kimberly Truxell, Sr. Warden - ('23)

Bruce Comfort, Jr. Warden— ('23)

Linsey Shreve ('23), Vel Shreve ('23), Judy Eller ('24), Charlie Pfeifer ('24), Debbie Whitehorne ('24), Liz Kress ('25), Peggy Pfeifer ('25)

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.



Please keep these people in your prayers

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| John | Charlie | Eddie |
| BJ | Rick | Niko |
| Lois | Sebastian | Jessica |
| Patsi | Wayne | Becky |
| Kathy | Bill | Laura |
| Joan | Kathie | Bryan |
| Tammy | Lisa | Brian H. |
| Kathleen | Bob | Dewey |
| Luanne | Daniel | Dolores |
| Mary | Dylan | Eastin |
| Teresa | Robyn | Megan |
| Jonathan | Diane | Sarah |
| Charlotte | Howard | Susan |
| Hannah | Evie Hill | Charles |
| Nancy | Gary | Eddie |
| Elma | Nancy D. | Katie |
| Kevin | Samantha | Jennifer |
| Perry & Mary | Jack & Dianne | Myles & Family |
| Charlie & Leslie | Toby & Debbie | Kathy & Tim |
| Clay & Wanda | Bert & Ann | Debbie & Kenny |
| Paul & Lee | Johnny & Nancy | |

JULY

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

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| John Eidam | 1st |
| Gabi & Olivia | 7th |
| Millie Coward | 16th |
| Christopher Wicker | 18th |
| Michelle Wicker | 23rd |
| Mary Laine | 24th |
| Christina Sigler | 25th |
| Taylor Glaeser | 26th |

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| Vel & Larry Shreve | 7/6/68 |
| Joyce & Bruce Baker | 7/8/78 |
| Nancy & Bruce Comfort | 7/25/70 |

If you want to stay informed of church activities and updates, consider joining **St. Peter's REMIND** group. All you have to do is send a text message from your phone. Reminders and alerts will be sent to you on your phoneit is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

(1) Text To Number: 81010

(2) Include this Message in the comments: @3c6efe8

(3) Then press: SEND.

If you have questions or need assistance, please see Liz Kress or visit/call the office.

[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.

The deadline for articles for the August issue of "The Call" is July 14th.

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



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FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT TUE. JULY 25

The Norfolk Tides would like to invite your church to join us for our Faith and Family Night! We offer special ticket prices of \$10 for Reserved seats and \$11 for Box seats for church groups of 20 or more.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall to reserve your spot today!



St Peter's Episcopal Church

224 South Military Highway

Norfolk, VA 23502

PARISHONER INFORMATION FORM

If you have had any changes in your family, please print this form and return it to the office so we can update our records. Thank you.

| FAMILY NAME | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----|----------------|
| Husband's Last Name: | First: | MI: | Date of Birth: |
| Baptized: Yes – Date: No | Confirmed: Yes – Date | | No |
| Wife's Last Name: | First: | MI: | Date of Birth: |
| Baptized: Yes – Date: No | Confirmed: Yes – Date | | No |
| | | | |

| RESIDENCE | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Street Address: | | Apartment/Unit: |
| City: | State: | Zip: |
| Home Phone: | Email Address: | |
| Husband's Occupation: | | |
| Cell Phone: | Email Address: | |
| Wife's Occupation: | | |
| Cell Phone: | Email Address: | |

| OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Name: | First: | MI: | Last: |
| M / F | Birth Date: | Relationship: | Occupation: |
| Baptized: Yes – Date: | | No | |
| Name: | First: | MI: | Last: |
| M / F | Birth Date: | Relationship: | Occupation: |
| Baptized: Yes – Date: | | No | |
| Name: | First: | MI: | Last: |
| M / F | Birth Date: | Relationship: | Occupation: |
| Baptized: Yes – Date: | | No | |

| REQUESTS | | | |
|----------|-----|--|------------------|
| Yes: | No: | I would like to be placed on St. Peter's mailing list. | |
| Yes: | No: | I am interested in Baptism. | |
| Yes: | No: | I am interested in Confirmation. | |
| Yes: | No: | I would like to have my Letter of Transfer sent to St. Peter's from: | |
| Church: | | City: | State: Zip: |
| Church: | | City: | State: Zip: |
| Yes: | No: | I would like to know more about the Episcopal Church and about becoming an Episcopalian. | |

St. Peter's Movie Night is back!!!

Hoovey

July 5

Film length: 1 hour; 31 minutes



Hoovey is based on the true story of Eric "Hoovey" Elliott (Cody Linley), a high school basketball player in rural Northern Illinois. He comes from a wholesome, athletic family: high school sweetheart parents Jeff (Patrick Warburton) and Ruth (Lauren Holly), and talented older sister, Jen (Alyson Stoner). Then one day during basketball practice, Hoovey collapses and blacks out; his firefighter dad assumes that he's suffered a concussion and rushes him to the hospital. But it turns out Hoovey has a large tumor on the base of his brain. Hoovey requires a life-threatening surgery that could limit his ability to walk and talk, much less play basketball. The Elliotts pray and remain faithful, even as Hoovey's chronic condition threatens not just his life but the family's stability.

The Perfect Stranger

July 12

Film length: 1 hour; 30 minutes



Nikki Cominsky is a lawyer with problems in her married life. She moved from Cincinnati, Ohio and is working for a large law firm in the Chicago area. She invites her husband to have a romantic dinner at a local restaurant, but he has already made plans to go to a baseball game. Disappointed, she goes to work and sees an invitation for dinner at the very same restaurant that she was planning on going to with her husband. At first she is irked because she is sick of the local churches' attempts at getting new followers, but quickly realizes that this may be a romantic attempt from her husband. Excited, she goes to the

restaurant, but sees a mysterious man claiming to be Jesus Christ. She thinks the man is crazy and attempts to leave, but the man persuades her to stay by telling her that after dinner he would tell her who sent him. Knowing that she would want to find out who is responsible, and not wanting to refuse a free dinner, she stays. The man begins to use real life examples such as family and other religions to tie in why Christianity is the one true religion, also as to why he really is, in fact, Jesus. Throughout their evening of conversation, arguments and debate, Nikki learns things she never knew about life, Heaven, Hell, other religions, the universe, and even herself.

The Mulligan

July 19

Film length: 2 hours; 5 minutes



Paul McCullister is a big-shot businessman who's estranged from his wife and son so he can pursue business and golf. At a charity golf tournament, Paul loses his temper. A tournament organizer introduces Paul to Will Dun. Golfers have nicknamed Will the "Old Pro." Will takes Paul under his wing and mentors him on golf, and, more importantly, on life. Paul's heart begins to change, but will the change be a lasting one?



Left Behind

July 26

Film length: 1 hour; 55 minutes

The world had fallen into chaos completely, but a new leader rose to the head position of the UN, bringing a glimpse of hope for those left behind. But is he really the great man he portrays himself to be? Or is he a devil in disguise? In the wake of the sudden disappearance of millions of people around the world, the prophesied "Great Tribulation" has begun. As the Antichrist spreads his web of lies, everyone must choose a side. The stakes have never been higher



Jesus Revolution

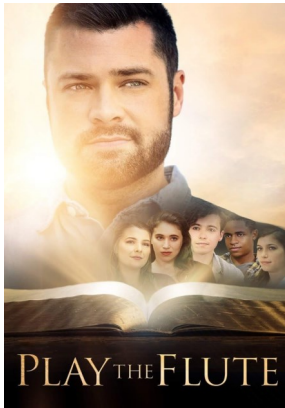
August 2

Film length: 2 hours

Tells the story of a young Greg Laurie being raised by his struggling mother, Charlene, in the 1970s. Laurie and a sea of young people descend on sunny Southern California to redefine truth through all means of liberation.

Inadvertently, Laurie meets Lonnie Frisbee, a charismatic hippie-street preacher, and Pastor Chuck Smith who have thrown open the doors of Smith's languishing church to a stream of wandering youth. What unfolds becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history. Rock and roll, newfound love, and a

twist of faith lead to a JESUS REVOLUTION that turns one counterculture movement into a revival that changes the world.



Play the Flute

August 9

Film length: 1 hour; 43 minutes

Faced with an indifferent youth group, a new Youth Pastor (actor: Brett Varvel) tries to motivate his students to read God's Word and get serious about their faith.

Refreshments begin at 6:30 P.M.

Film starts at 7:00 P.M.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

Opening: The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library on May 8, 2023. Attending the meeting were Fr. Jim, Kimberly Truxell, Debbie Whitehorne, Bruce Comfort, Howard Belote, Judy Eller, Linsey Shreve, Vel Shreve, Charlie Pfeifer, Peggy Pfeifer, and Liz Kress.

Vestry Meeting Opening: The Vestry Meeting was opened with the beginning of the service of Evening Prayer led by Debbie Whitehorne.

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. In New Business, cleaning service information was added as a discussion point and Kimberly motioned to accept the agenda, and it was seconded. The agenda was accepted by acclamation.

March 2023 Minutes: April 2023 Minutes were distributed to the vestry. Charlie motioned to accept the minutes, Vel seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Finance Report: Charlie reviewed the April Financial Report with the vestry.

The Cash Account Balances for April 2023 are as follows:

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| Operating Account: | \$36,792.66 |
| Money Market Account | \$40,069.01 |
| Composite Fund: | \$66,275.01 |
| Total Net Assets: | \$146,222.43 |

Bruce motioned to accept the Financial Report, Debbie seconded, and it was approved by acclamation.

Rector's Report: Fr. Jim reported that he was pleased to be able to take communion to Mary and Larry Laine.

Senior Warden's Report: Kimberly had nothing to report at this time.

Junior Warden: Bruce had nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

Fr. Jim asked the Vestry to decide on a new date for the June Meeting – the 12th (2nd Monday) is when the Day School will have their program which makes that date impossible. He proposed the 5th as a new date. All agreed on that date for the June meeting.

We received a thank-you note from the VA for articles donated to them. Bob Vanderslice will take over that outreach from Bill Weisner.

The Commissioning of the Transition Team was Sunday past, May 7th, and all went well, and it is a progression to finding a new Rector. They will begin meeting shortly.

Debbie gave a report about the Cleaning Guyz cleaning service we currently employ. There have been issues and a trail cam was set up to surveil the door to the attic. It was observed that unacceptable things were happening including possible theft of supplies and strangers onsite. The company was informed in a meeting with our contact, Christian, and he guaranteed to resolve the matter, remove the staff member, and find us another person that he felt he could trust. Laura mentioned that the Day School was much cleaner and the smell fresher this past Sunday when she went in. It is assumed that Christian did the cleaning this time.

Debbie has two other quotes, and both are more expensive. Before we switch, we will be giving Christian's crew another chance to show they are worth keeping onboard.

Old Business:

Fr. Jim handed out an Organizational Chart for the vestry members to look over and offer suggestions, improvements, etc. The chart shows all the Vestry members and an association with various ministries for which they would be a liaison. This is an Organizational Chart that is being built gradually and with suggestions from the members about where they feel called. It will function as an oversight of ministries so that the members have a person to contact should they need something from the Vestry. Modifications to this chart were made to everyone's satisfaction.

Howard Belote announced that this would be his last meeting. He just didn't have the initiative nor the desire to continue. The other members of the Vestry agreed that if that was what he thought was best then they would stand by his request to be removed.

Playground wood for the border has been delivered and half of the border has been installed by Matt McGary and Charet Thill. The delivery was delayed and missed the weekend when he was available full time, so he has been coming in and working on it as able. After the border has been installed, then the mulch can be put down. Bruce did note that the mulch would be expensive but needs to be done.

Review of the Annual Audit of the Church books needs to be accomplished by September 1st, 2023. As per Charlie, Carolyn King will be doing this audit these weeks she is here to sell her property.

Bruce advised the Vestry that a security system should be installed throughout the building and monitored – John's Brothers Security or Maury Kroll Lock and Key should be able to provide the answers and recommendations for equipment. The only door that is "Fire Marshall approved" is the red door as it has a handle that opens regardless of whether it is locked or not. Crash bars need/should be installed on all other doors. In case of an emergency, those inside the building can exit even if the door is locked. He will contact John's Brothers to assess the cost of installing a system and monitoring.

The parish hall steeple work has been completed, and the place where the worker fell through the ceiling has been repaired as best it can be.

The Trustees for the church still need to be revised. Kimberly will contact the Diocese legal department to check if 4 people are allowed and exactly what needs to be filed.

Fr. Jim was in contact with the Diocese, and St. Peter's is on the Bishop's list for visitation. We will be informed in the fall, when she will be here.

The Vestry inquired about the Lenten offering that was earmarked for The Holy Trinity Cathedral in Trinidad and Tobago of which Shelly-Ann Tenia is the Dean. The approximate amount donated to date is \$1600.00. This amount is not the final amount. This Sunday, May 14th will be the final Sunday for donations and when the tally is complete, we will supplement to make the amount approximately \$2,000.00.

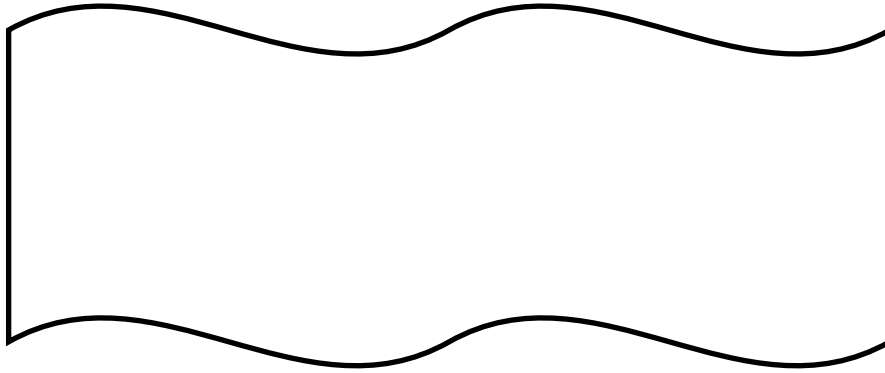
The next Vestry meeting will be June 5, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer and the conclusion of the Evening Prayer at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kallestad

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