

MAY 2019

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated September 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in 1965.

5th	.....	Birthday Blessings at 8am & 10AM
7th	.....	ASIAN NIGHT, 5-7PM, All you can eat!
12th	.....	"Mother's Day"
13th	.....	Ladies Lunch at Plaza Azteca, 12:30PM
16th	.....	Finance Committee meeting, 7PM
19th	.....	Vestry meeting, 11:30AM
26th	.....	Day School Board meeting, 11:30AM
27th	.....	Memorial Day, School & Office closed

“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”

“THE CALL”

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

224 S. Military Highway
Norfolk, VA 23502
Phone: 757-466-9392



PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study– Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM. The men are studying the Book of Psalms. They meet in the meeting room beside Children's Chapel. Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

The Intercessory Prayer Group Meet Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Diffenbaugh Library. If you are unable to attend any Sunday, you may request the group pray for you or your loved one by writing on a prayer card and placing it in the Prayer Box on the table in the parish hall or in the Narthex. All prayers are kept confidential within the group.

Men's & Women's Cursillo Group meet every Wednesday at 6:15PM.

Cursillo Grouping for women continues on Mondays at 1PM at Debbie Whirehorne's. The Wednesday night group meet at 6:15PM

Co-ed Bible Study Group meet in the Diffenbaugh Library at 7:30PM

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP



The Prayer Shawl Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. This month they meet May 7th at 7PM in the Diffenbaugh Library. The ladies make prayer shawls, that are given to our sick and shut in members. Hats

and scarves for the homeless, baby hats, sweaters, scarves and hats for World Vision, and breast prosthesis for those undergoing breast surgery. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887.

If you have any yarn at home that you don't need please consider donating it to the Prayer Shawl group. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, sign the flower chart in the vestibule, beside the Sunday you wish to give. The flowers are \$60 or \$30 when two people give on the same Sunday. **NOTE THE NEW PRICE!**

Please keep these people in your prayers

June Faye	Joan	Charlie
BJ	Hazel	June
Joy	Sebastian	Holly
Lois	Rick	Wayne
Tom & Family	John	Audrey
Xander & Family	Debra	Vickie
Johnny & Nancy	Christine	Karen
Debbie & Kenny	Niko	Steve
Donald & Teresa	Cheryl	Shea
Al & Millie	Emily	Rachel
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Faye
Maurice & Joyce	Bonnie	Chris
Bert & Ann	Clay	Corey
Leslie	Josephine	Kathleen
The Long Family	Penny	Teresa
Florence & Howard	Fidelma	Patsi
The Benn Family	Bob	Jacob
The Romanczyk Family	Jessica	Ali

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our Day School is collecting Box Tops for Education. Please bring your Box Tops to church and place in the box provided in the parish hall. Thank you for your support!

MAY LADIES LUNCH



This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, May 13th, at 12:30PM. They meet at the "Plaza Azteca" restaurant in the Providence Shopping Center in Virginia Beach.

Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending or call Millie Coward at 455-5887.

MAY 2019

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

Happy Birthday

Bobbi Bowery	2nd
Kelly Olliges	6th
Zachary DeLoatche	13th
Magdalena Kress	15th
Daniel Laine	25th
Bruce Comfort	25th
Charlie Pfeifer	27th
BJ Neaves	30th
Amanda Mattson	31st

Happy Anniversary

Karen & Steve Kakol	17 th
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ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Jay Magness
Rector	The Rev. John M. Eidam
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Organist	Elizabeth Miller
Treasurer	Carolyn King
Sexton	Kevin Bates

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden:	Bonnie Rennick	('19)	
Jr. Warden:	Charlie Pfeifer	('20)	
Kimberly Truxell	('19)	Robert Olliges	('20)
Rob Truxell	('19)	Linsey Shreve	('20)
Jim Jimeno	('19)	Howard Belote	('21)
		Susan Sigler	('21)

EASTER PLANTS If you gave one of the Easter plants that adorned the church at Easter time, please make your \$10 check out to St. Peter's and write "Easter Plant" on the memo line. Thank you!

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE NORFOLK

TIDES Once again, St. Peter's will gather with many other churches to enjoy a Faith and Family Night Tides Ball Game. The game is on Tuesday, July 30. Let's enjoy peanuts, popcorn and maybe a hot dog taking the family or a friend out to a ball game. Tickets are \$9 for box seats but are limited, so sign up early. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the parish hall. For those interested, we will ride the Tide from the Newtown Road station. More details on that later. For more information contact Nancy Comfort.



Mark your calendars now for a great night out, and don't forget to sign the list!

<p>The deadline for articles for the June issue of The Call is: May 15th Send articles to vel@stpeters-norfolk.org or call the church office at 466-9392</p>
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GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” (Ephesians 6:10-11)

Joey
David
Kyle
Christopher
Jared
Chloe

Bucky
Bob
Mike
Jennifer
Courtney
Michael

Jarod
Mario
Allan
Frank



SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

The Veteran’s Administration in Hampton is accepting the following items for the veterans: **Toiletries, Clothing, Candy, Games, etc.** Please bring your donations to church and Bill Weissner will deliver them to the hospital. **Toiletries are needed the most.** Donated items may be placed in the container in the parish hall. Thank you!



All types of clothing is needed at the Veteran's Hospital

Please donate your gently used clothing to the VET's. Bring them to church and place in the container provided in the parish hall. Thank you!

The “Feed The Hungry” Ministry

We work with Blankets for the Homeless” supplying lunches, sweets, water, fruit and drinks. If you would like to join our ministry, or make a meal or monetary donation, please contact Ricki Wright at (757)724-0594 or email rickiwright@cox.net



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

A REMINDER... St. Peter’s Youth Group is collecting spare change to help support the homeless in Norfolk. Please use the jar located in the parish hall to make your donations. Thank you for being faithful and generous.



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cursillo Grouping 6:15pm CoEd Bible Study 7PM	2	3	4
5 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	6 Women's Cursillo Grouping at the Whitehorne home 1PM	7 ASIAN NIGHT 5-7PM	8 Cursillo Grouping 6:15pm CoEd Bible Study 7PM	9	10	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	13 Ladies Lunch 12:30PM Plaza Azteca in Va. Beach	14 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	15 Cursillo Grouping 6:15pm CoEd Bible Study 7PM	16 Finance Committee meeting 7PM	17	18 Parish Hall rented
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ASSIGNMENTS

May 5th—3rd Sunday of Easter

Acolytes	Corrin King, Nancy Comfort
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Vicky Martin
Lector at 8AM	Drew Midgette,
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Lynne Monette
LEM at 10AM	Kimberly Truxell, Debbie Whitehorne
Altar Guild Duty	Judy Eller, Vel Shreve
Nursery Attendants	Karen Kakol, Vivien Valentine

May 12th—4th Sunday of Easter

Acolytes	Sarah Weisiger, Christine Truxell
Ushers	Jim Jimeno, Susan Sigler
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEM at 10AM	Jason Nowland, Bonnie Rennick
Altar Guild Duty	Nancy Comfort, Dot Pierce
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement

May 19—5th Sunday of Easter

Acolytes	Magdalena Kress, Kimberly Truxell
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Roger Rennick
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	Maurice Caldwell
Lector at 10AM	Judy Eller
LEM at 10AM	Nany Comfort, Bruce Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Lynne Monette, Jessica Trochanowski
Nursery Attendants	Amanda Keller, Vivien Valentine

May 26th—6th Sunday of Easter

Acolytes	Isabel Nowland, Bronwyn Shreve
Ushers	Susan Sigler, Vicky Martin
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Laura Kallestad
LEM at 10AM	Roger Rennick, Kimberly Truxell
Altar Guild Duty	Bobbi Bowery, Millie Coward
Nursery Attendants	Debbie Whitehorne, Wendy Glaeser

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

May 2019

Special Message

Thank you all who helped with our Easter Egg Hunt. A special thanks to the Youth Group, you guys rock!!

Dates to Remember

- ❖ May 5th – 3rd Sunday of Easter
Birthday Blessings for May
Lessons: John 21:1-19 – Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish
- ❖ May 12th – 4th Sunday of Easter
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
Lessons: John 10:22-30 – The Unbelief of the Jews
- ❖ May 19th – 5th Sunday of Easter
Lessons: John 13:31-35 – Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial
- ❖ May 26th – 6th Sunday of Easter
Chapel Children sing at the 10:00 am service
Lessons: John 5:1-9 – Healing at the Pool

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School – **July 29-Aug 02**



Dear God,
Thank you for my mummy.
She looks after me, plays with me,
Listens to me, and makes me laugh.
She works very hard and sometimes she gets tired.
Please give her good sleep.
Help her at work.
Give her happy times,
And lots of hugs and kisses.
Amen.

Mom's Dictionary

DROOLING: How teething babies wash their chins.

PUDDLE: A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

**WHEN A MOM TRIES
TO WALK ANYWHERE
IN THE HOUSE**



St. Peter's Children's Ministry

May 2019

Word Search - Healing of the Man by the Pool of Bethesda

Can you find the important words in the story?



angel

water

Jesus

Bethesda

stirring

sabbath

lame

five porches

healed

praise

bed

walk

pool





YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MAY 2019

Our **Youth Group** is going strong! A lot has been accomplished:

- + Three boxes full of Easter eggs were stuffed and wrapped for the **wonderful** children of St. Peter's
- + A **flat screen TV** has been donated to us. **Thank you** Carolyn King! The TV will be hung on the wall, freeing up space for more youth who will join us in the Fall.
- + **Thank you** to Bruce Comfort , who will be hanging the TV on the wall
- + On **May 11th** we will be going to a Thrift store in Norfolk with the "4 Kids" organization to help out. If you have any clothes or items you would like to donate, please bring them to church before May 11
- + On **June 1st** the youth will be going to **Water Country USA** for a sunny fun filled day. If you know of any youth or if you have kids or grandkids that are looking for a place to worship on Sunday mornings, this might be a good time for them to be introduced to our wonderful youth.
- + Lastly, I want to say how wonderful it was to see the youth represented in the **Maundy Thursday Service**, as Bronwyn Shreve and Sierra King showed what excellent gifts God has given them, as they sang their hearts out for God.

Please remember to keep the youth of our church in your prayers as we prepare for a summer full of fun work for God.

Mark your calendars now for **Vacation Bible School** to be held July 29th through August 2nd. More information later.

In God's love,

James Benn

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At its April 14th meeting, the Vestry:

Approved the Financial Report:

- * Our income for March was \$3,249 more than budgeted
- * Our expenses for March were \$1,322 less than budgeted
- * Thus far in 2019, we are \$6,730 under budget

Reviewed goals for 2019 (and beyond) established at Staff and Vestry Retreat.

Changed the cost of altar flowers to church members from \$70 to \$60.

Approved the cost of a second cutting of church shrubbery.

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

- + Our Diocese and our Bishop search process.
- + Our Interim Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jay Magness
- + Our Presiding Bishop, *The Most Rev. Michael Curry*
- + The people and clergy of our neighborhood churches.
- + Our friends at St. James Holiness Church.
- + The leaders of our nation, our state, and our local governments.
- + Wisdom and discernment for our 2019 Vestry members.
- + Lots of *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.

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

- + My incredibly talented *Church Staff!*
- + The ministries of our church and their leaders.
- + Our Altar Guild members for-

Making the beautiful Palm Sunday crosses

Decorating the church so beautifully for Easter Sunday

- + For Bonnie Rennick and all who helped her prepare the Seder
- + Our newly baptized-

Savannah Nash Gerasimov

Andrew Kent Midgette III

Zeke Wadim Trochanowski

Kostek James Trochanowski

- + Our beautiful Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service- thanks Elizabeth Miller!
- + A wonderful Easter Sunday celebration!
- + Those good deeds "*known and unknown*" to us and done by our church members.
- + Those who have made commitments of time, talent, and treasure to our church.

RECTOR'S LETTER

The Resurrection- God's Amazing Grace

There is an old story about a man who was seen running toward a large river. Just as he reached the dock, he increased his speed and when he came to the end, he jumped and threw himself as high and as far as he could before hitting the water. He landed about ten feet from the dock. As soon as he surfaced, he swam back to land and tried again. He didn't do much better the second time. He tried again....over and over again. His friend, who had been watching all of this, finally asked him, *"What in the world are you doing?"* The man replied, *"Well, a guy at work bet me a million bucks that I couldn't jump across this river. He's probably right. But after thinking about it for a while, I figured I had to at least try."*

Now, there was no way on God's green earth that this guy was going to jump across that river alone and without some help. In the same way, we have no chance whatsoever of defeating death on our own. Just like we have no chance whatsoever of finding God's forgiveness on our own. Biblically speaking, it doesn't work that way. We can't *"work"* our way to immortality. We can't *"will"* our way to eternity. We can't do enough *"good deeds"* or give enough money to *"earn"* God's forgiveness. The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Christian church in Ephesus- *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast."* (2:8-9)

There's only one way to receive God's forgiveness and life eternal and that's through what Jesus Christ did for you on the cross on Good Friday and at the empty tomb on Sunday. Forgiveness and eternal life are yours simply by receiving an act of grace- a gift from God for those who believe. The Resurrection of Jesus is God's amazing grace.

Easter and the Resurrection are reminders that no matter what, God is still in charge. Easter is the string wrapped around the finger to remind us that life, as we know it, isn't all there is. Easter is the post-it-note that reminds us that God is in charge of everything, and that includes death and judgment and forgiveness. Easter is a reminder of the depth of God's unconditional love for you and for me.

Have you accepted this gift of grace into your life? If not, I want to encourage you to let Jesus complete God's forgiveness in your life. Accept this act of grace for yourself. And then remember....remember so that you can live the life Christ has called you to live so that others will see you and believe that Christ is alive and that the tomb is empty because others see Him living in you.

Peace and love,

John+