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Diocesan Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

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The Rev. Dr. James W. Hunter

Secretary:

Laura Kallestad

Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

Treasurer:

Charlie Pfeifer



Jim's Corner

How often have we heard it said, since COVID-19 broke out in March of 2020, "I can't wait until things can come back to normal, the way they used to be!" For the Church, the first step in returning to "normal" was to return to in-person worship. Then we were allowed to leave our masks at home and sit closer in the pew. On March 10, 2022, Bishop Haynes issued a directive that removed the prohibition of distributing the wine at communion using the common chalice. Her directive followed guidance by the Health Advisory Panel of the Center for Disease Control (CDC). St. Peter's has slowly moved in this direction out of a pastoral concern for our congregation. Recently more and more parishioners have asked if we could adopt the diocesan policy of using the common cup. This organic desire to return to using the common chalice is another pastoral issue.

At the April vestry meeting the decision was made, with the advice of the Worship Committee, to start using the common cup on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023. This decision was made after careful consideration and much prayer. We know that not everyone will agree with this decision, and we respect opposing views. Let me explain what the policy is and some theology behind it.

To begin with, it's important to know that, although most of us were raised under the impression that to have a full communion one needed to receive both the bread and the wine, this is a common misunderstanding. At the Last Supper, Jesus did institute the sacrament using both kinds, but the Church has long understood that Jesus is not evenly divided, 50-50%, into the bread and wine. Jesus is fully spiritually present, 100-100%, in both the bread and the wine,

so to receive just the bread or just the wine is to receive a full and valid communion. Many folks cannot drink alcohol for medical and health reasons. Others cannot tolerate gluten, a protein found in wheat flour which gives cohesiveness to dough. Until recently, there was no option, such as gluten-free bread, to offer communicants. So, receiving the bread or the wine alone is one option for receiving communion.

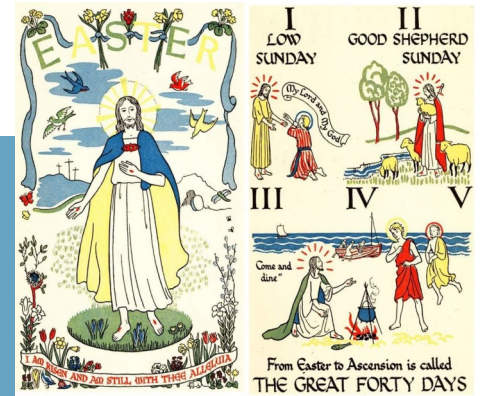
The common cup was universally, though not exclusively, used before COVID-19 hit. The policy of the Diocese of Southern Virginia is to return to using the common cup. One may sip from the chalice after consuming the host bread. This is the second option for receiving communion.

The third option involves the practice of intinction, the dipping of the host bread into the wine. Quoting Bishop Haynes, “The practice of dipping the consecrated bread in the consecrated wine has centuries of precedent. The Episcopal Church has generally held to the essential importance of the common cup to the fullness of eucharistic theology. *The Book of Common Prayer* allows for reception “in both kinds simultaneously, in a manner approved by the bishop” (BCP p. 408), but the rubrics clearly prefer reception in both kinds separately. Moreover, research has consistently affirmed that the risk of disease transmission through the common chalice is very low. Intinction, rather than diminishing the risk, actually raises the risk because the hands often carry and transmit germs. Sipping from the common chalice is safer. If offering intinction, a separate station should be set up for that purpose; under no circumstances should intinction be allowed from the same cup from which communicants are taking a sip of wine. ... For those congregations desiring to offer communion by intinction, arrangements must be made to have a separate station with a chalice or cup expressly for that purpose ... At that station, the minister (an ordained person or a Lay Eucharistic Minister) – not the communicant – must be the only person dipping the host and placing it either in the hand or on the tongue of the communicant.” In lieu of a separate station, one may leave the host in the palm of one’s hand and the minister will take the host out of the person’s hand and intinct it as indicated above.

I hope this explanation for the return to using the common chalice has answered any questions about this sacred and millennia-old practice. The practice of using individual cups has blurred the important symbolism of partaking of one body and one cup. These are the symbols Jesus gave us at the Last Supper. The important symbolic nature of the Holy Eucharist has suffered fracture under our recent practice of using individual cups, and it is refreshing to return to “normal” with the common chalice. With the gift of the Holy Spirit, it seems appropriate to restart this practice on the Day of Pentecost. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this further, please let me know and I will be happy to meet with you.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|-------------|--|-----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 10:00 - Prayer Shawl 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING | 3 | 4 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M | 5 | 6 |
| 7 7:45 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II Fifth Sunday of Easter | 8 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M. - Olive Garden/Janaf Vestry Meeting 7:00 P.M. | 9 Acts of Kindness Meeting 10:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING | 10 | 11 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M | 12 | 13 |
| 14 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II Sixth Sunday of Easter HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! | 15 Day School Board Meeting—7:00 P.M | 16 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING | 17 | 18 Ascension Day Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M | 19 | 20 |
| 21 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day VBS MEETING 11:30 | 22 | 23 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING | 24 | 25 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M | 26 | 27 |
| 28 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II THE DAY OF PENTECOST | 29 HOLIDAY - Office and Day School Closed | 30 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING | 31 3 | | | |

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

MAY 7 - 5th Sunday of Easter

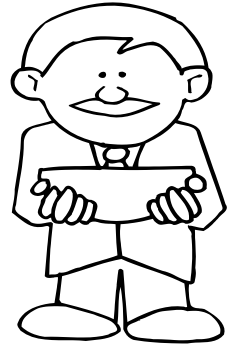
Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Susan Sigler

Lector: 8:00 - Charlie Pfeifer; 10:00 - Bronwyn Shreve

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

Altar Guild Duty: Ashley Pierce, Nancy Comfort



MAY 14- 6th Sunday of Easter

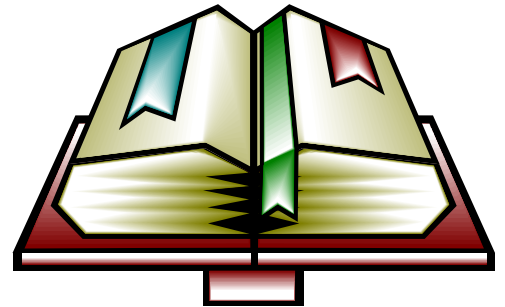
Acolyte: Eric Evans

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Howard Belote

Lector: 8:00-Charlotte Corbett; 10:00-Lynn Monette

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

Altar Guild Duty: Charlotte Corbett, Vel Shreve



MAY 21- 7th Sunday of Easter

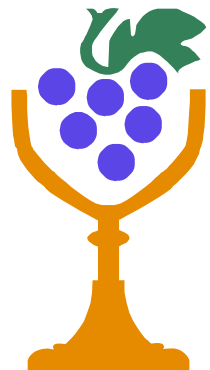
Acolyte: Carys Shreve

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Jim Jimeno

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

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

Altar Guild Duty: Elizabeth Miller, Judy Eller



MAY 28 - The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Acolyte: Eric Evans

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Howard Belote

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

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

Altar Guild Duty: Dot Pierce, Millie Coward



MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The ladies of St. Peter's meet on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. On May 8th at 12:30 P.M., we will meet at Olive Garden, 5920 E. Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk (Janaf). Please join in on the fellowship we share at these luncheons. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall. For more information contact Millie Coward, cell number (757) 469-5887 or email at: m.jlc@verizon.net

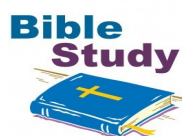
The Altar Guild welcomes any man or woman that is confirmed in the Episcopal Church to join this ministry. We prepare the altar for celebrations of worship such as weddings, baptisms, funerals, and Sunday services. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Millie Coward - cell number (757)469-5887 or by email at: m.jlc@verizon.net



Prayer Shawl Ministry- We continue to meet on the first Tuesday of every month at **10:00 A.M.** in the Diffenbaugh Library. We are busy knitting, crocheting, and looming adult and baby hats, scarves, baby blankets, chemo caps, wash cloths, soap sacs, breast prosthesis, and prayer shawls. If you are interested in this ministry but are unable to attend the meetings, maybe you could help us by knitting or crocheting from the comfort of your home. Our next meeting is May 2nd. Please join us. If you would like to learn one of these crafts, we have expert teachers and all the supplies you will need to get started. For more specifics, please contact Millie Coward - cell number (757)469-5887 or by email at: m.jlc@verizon.net



Need a gift for a new bundle of joy or the perfect gift for a baby shower? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is selling beautiful white shawls that may be used as a baby or lap shawl. They are \$40 each and all proceeds go to the Prayer Shawl Ministry to help cover the cost of yarn.. If you are interested in purchasing a shawl, contact Millie Coward @ 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 31, 2023 through August 4, 2023. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this wonderful event. It will be a morning VBS, but there is a lot of work you can help with whenever you are available. We will have our first meeting on Sunday, May 21st, after the 10 o'clock service. We will discuss the theme for this year and begin planning. Come and see if you might find a way to help. The children are so much fun to work with, and they are so important to our mission.

Acts of Kindness Ministry will have a planning meeting at 10:00 A.M. on May 9th, 2023. Please make plans to attend and if you would like to join our ministry, this would be a wonderful opportunity for you to experience our mission.



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), Howard Belote ('25), 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 | Perry & Mary | Jack & Dianne |
| Myles & Family | Charlie & Leslie | Toby & Debbie |
| Kathy & Tim | Clay & Wanda | Bert & Ann |
| Debbie & Kenny | Paul & Lee | Johnny & Nancy |

MAY

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 Anniversary!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steve & Karen Kakol

17th

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| Sarah Kakol | 4th |
| Zachary DeLoatche | 13th |
| Magdalena Kress | 15th |
| Bruce Comfort | 25th |
| Daniel Laine | 25th |
| LuAnne Cattley | 26th |
| Charles Pfeifer | 27th |
| B.J. Neaves | 30th |

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.



The deadline for articles for the June issue of "The Call" is May 15th.

**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.

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Vestry Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023

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

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

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. Added to new business – ornaments and Sunday School. Charlie motioned to accept the agenda with revisions, and it was seconded by Vel. The agenda was accepted with additions, by acclamation.

February 2023 Minutes: The February 2023 Minutes were distributed to the vestry. Charlie motioned to accept the minutes with modifications, Bruce seconded. The minutes were approved with revisions.

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

The Cash Account Balances for February 2023 are as follows:

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Operating Account: | \$16,184.54 |
| Money Market Account | \$50,065.65 |
| Composite Fund: | \$66,275.01 |
| Total Net Assets: | \$134,979.86 |

The February 2023 Financial Report was approved, Kimberly motioned to accept the Finance report and Howard seconded this motion and it was passed by acclamation.

Financial Committee Report: The Vestry acknowledged that we shouldn't increase our insurance for Cyber crime and since it came out of the Finance Committee Meeting, it only needed to be noted in these minutes.

Rector's Report: Fr. Jim reported that he was pleased to finally be able to visit with Mary and Larry Laine and bring them communion. He also was able to go to the hospital to visit Dawn Ramirez (Joey's fiancé).

Senior Warden's Report:

- Lists that were passed around last meeting to sign up for counting had not filled all the necessary slots. Kimberly stepped in to help the previous week, but she would be unable to help on some upcoming Sundays. She asked for a volunteer to help out with Bruce for his first counting duty. Vel volunteered to help, with Charlie also helping.
- Taco Soup will be served by the Vestry for the Wednesday Night in Lent (March 29). A sign-up list was passed around for all to note what they would be willing to bring

Junior Warden:

- Bruce noted that the "Red Door" lock had been changed and 30 keys were obtained. Just about all the keys (9 left) have been distributed.
- Playground mulch is still being worked on.

New Business:

Fr. Jim asked the Vestry to help him with the third part of his Interim training (Field Work). He explained the Interim Ministry/Client Agreement – "Listening to God: Discerning a Life-Giving Vision/Purpose Leading to Mission". Vestry is the "Client". Fr. Jim is the "student". The subject is St. Peter's "Vision" for its future. The

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Vestry must be in communication with the Transition Team. The Transition Team consists of: Bruce Comfort (Chair), Dot Pierce, Linsey Shreve, Josie Jimeno, Bob Vanderslice, and Fr. Jim. The Transition Team will stay as a team until the new priest experiences his/her first crisis. They will help them through this "crisis" with their knowledge of the church and congregation. After that "crisis" they will then disband. Members on the Transition Team may also serve on the Search Committee due to the size of our congregation.

The church currently seems to be on the decline side of congregation development. To reverse this trend, the church needs to revision its purpose. The vestry agreed with this assessment, and it will now be the focus of the project.

Fr. Jim would like to commission the Transition Team at a service when all can be there. The contract with the Vestry and Fr. Jim would last while he is here acting as the Interim Rector. His current contract expires in July, 2024.

The Vestry members agreed that they would like to go over the information on Fr. Jim's Interim Ministry Training assignment contract on changing our "Purpose" some more and work on figuring out what it is and what they suggest St. Peter's do.

The Vestry decided that everyone should review the information, write down what they think should be removed or added to the contract (if anything), and email Fr. Jim by March 20th. At that time Fr. Jim will compile all the information sent and make the changes and email the new contract to all for review.

Ornaments – What should we do with 55 ornaments for the 50th anniversary (2009)? It was suggested we put the 50th Anniversary Ornaments out for sale at a price of \$5.00. Also available are Franklin Mint decorative plates.

Sunday School – The Sunday School will be shut down during the summer vacation. (June 18th thru September 4th, 2023)

Old Business:

Playground: Bruce stated that St. Peter's would have to put the new timbers in place before mulch is added and he agreed that Matt (Charet Thill's Significant Other) could do the work for St. Peter's. The product would have to be purchased and Matt will pick-up and install when he is available and Bruce sets a firm date.

Annual Audit: Carolyn has finished her audit of our finances for 2021.

Security System on the white Door: Bruce told the Vestry that a new "door-closing device" was needed. Then the door and doorbell can be installed, hopefully within the next two weeks.

Grants for Security of the Church: The price of the grant writer was approximately \$5,000, but the Vestry had basically determined that the church shouldn't go forward in obtaining a Grant until a later date. Some items are being addressed, such as re-keying the red door and the locking system on the white door. It was mentioned that the doors need to be checked after Sunday services to make sure they are secured. Maybe the Vestry members who are counters that week should take this on and do a walk-about before leaving.

Parish Hall Steeple: No work has started yet. Bruce assumes the roofer is waiting until the windows come in before removing what is there now. Bruce will call and see if they have a date that they expect to start the renovation.

Trustees: St. Peter's needs to update the list of Trustees. St. Peter's has three, one of whom is deceased. Howard was asked if he wanted to continue being a Trustee and he declined. Kimberly will find out exactly what is needed to change the Trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer and the conclusion of the Evening Prayer at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kallestad

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Registrar

Congratulations to The Pierce Family -
Dot, Pat, Ashley and of course, MADISON!!



Old Dominion University

*The Board of Visitors, President and Faculty
of
Old Dominion University
The Darden College of Education and Professional Studies
announce that
Madison Mae Pierce
will graduate with the degree of
Bachelor of Science
with a major in
Elementary Education, Pre K-6
with a Human Services minor
Magna Cum Laude
at Commencement Exercises
on Saturday, the sixth of May
Two thousand and twenty-three
at nine o'clock in the morning*





St. Peter's Flower Fund

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.

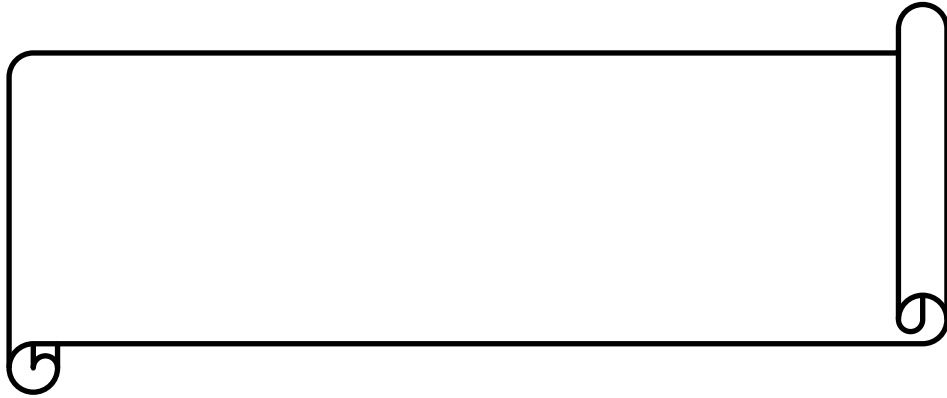
If you desire to contribute flowers any given Sunday "In Thanksgiving for" or "In Memory of" a person or persons, you may:

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

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The envelopes are located in the Parish Hall and Narthex.

Thank you.



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