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Jim's Corner  
May 2024

### 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

For as long as I can remember as an ordained clergyman, every parish I have been involved with had a set of rules by which to live known as bylaws. The national church and the dioceses of The Episcopal Church have another set of rules by which to live called the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. Diocesan canons must comply with the national canons and parish bylaws must comply with both the national and diocesan canons. The difference between these sets of rules is, basically, the diocesan canons are tailor-made for each individual diocese and the parish bylaws are more specific to each parish. National and diocesan canons are often quite general and, sometimes, vague, or they don't address a specific area of concern. Dioceses and parishes will have some additional rules of their own to clarify these areas, like how to

organize and run the vestry, but these rules may not contradict or stray from the rules to which they are themselves subject.

By definition, bylaws are "rules adopted by an organization chiefly for the government of its members and the regulation of its affairs."<sup>1</sup> Most organizations have bylaws. So, it was quite a surprise for me to learn that St. Peter's did not have bylaws. Yes, there are the diocesan canons, but no guiding rules specifically for this parish. I inquired around and was even more surprised to learn that bylaws are not required in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. They are optional; some parishes have them and some don't.

Personally, I think bylaws are most helpful when questions come up about how "things" ought to be done. All one has to do is to refer to the bylaws, and the matter in question can be settled quickly. I decided to propose to the vestry that we come up with a

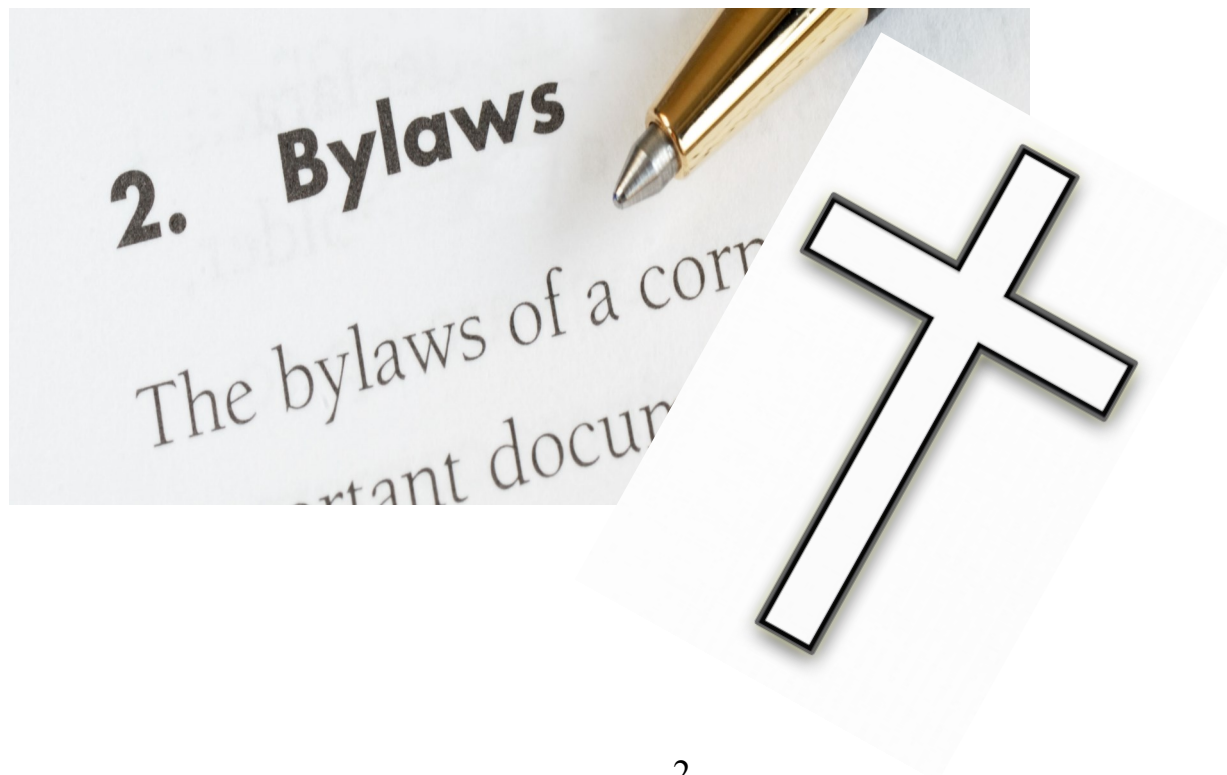
set of bylaws for St. Peter's. After several months of discussing this suggestion, the vestry decided that having bylaws was a good step in preparing for a new pastor. Thanks to the hard work of Charlie Pfeifer, the vestry adopted a set of bylaws in April 2024, just last month.

The information contained in the bylaws include the Mission Statement; a statement of policy; a section on the organization and governance of our parish; definitions of members of the parish, who are adult members, communicants in good standing, etc.; parish meetings; how the vestry is organized, what are its duties, and how to deal with vacancies when they occur. There are bylaws on the parish officers, the wardens, register, treasurer, and how to deal with parish officer vacancies should that occur. There are bylaws on financial procedures; treasurer responsibilities, audits, and discretionary accounts. Rules are not exciting, but they have an important role in the smooth operation of the parish. They eliminate confusion and rivalry and bring harmony to the organization. Finally, bylaws are not written in stone. There is a procedure to add to or change the bylaws. Changes require a supermajority of two-thirds of the vestry to safeguard against the change not being seriously considered before being made.

A copy of the bylaws has been placed in the Parish Hall for anyone to read.

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<sup>1</sup>Frederick C. Mish et al., eds., *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed., (Springfield, MA: Miriam-Webster, Incorporated, 2023), 170.

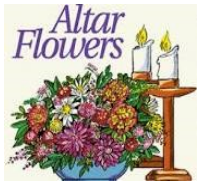


# MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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 May 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 P.M., at El Loro Restaurant, 801 Volvo Pkwy., Suite #114, Greenbrier, Chesapeake. 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** –The Altar Guild really could use 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.**



**Flower Guild**- The newly-formed Flower Guild is in need of some talented folks, both men and ladies, that can arrange flowers. Please consider joining us so that we can make this a successful ministry. Contact Dot Pierce for more information at (757) 420-4785.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**- We welcome new members to join us to knit, crochet and loom for various organizations. In April we completed 6 washcloths and 2 soap sacs for Judeo Christian Outreach Center, 7 chemo hats for Virginia Oncology, 15 preemie hats, and 6 infant hats for area hospitals, and 7 breast prostheses for a local breast surgeon. If you would like to help us supply these much-needed items or learn how to knit, crochet, or loom, please join us May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the Diffenbaugh Library. If you prefer, you may supply any of the above items from the comfort of your home. Just give me a call and I will be happy to pick them up. 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@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net)



**St. Peter's Day School** - Once again, we are in search of aides (1 full-time and 1 or 2 part-time) for the day school – We can expand and add another class - PreK-Toddler (ages 18 months – 2 years) – GREAT NEWS! However, we need to have staff to teach the new class and help in the extended care. If you know of ANYONE that may be interested, please contact the office.



**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.

**Cursillo** - men's and women's small group meetings are held every Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. Anyone can attend these meetings; we just ask that whatever might be said in the meetings, stays in the meeting for privacy unless you are told you may share. We can and will answer all the questions you may have regarding Cursillo and the weekends. It is not some secret society and we do not have any "rituals". It is Christian people coming together for 3 days, 3 nights and delving deeper into our relationship and walk with and for Christ. We are the only hands, and feet He has in this world!





# 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  
birthday

*Happy Anniversary!*

Steve & Karen Kakol

17th

Zachary DeLoatche	13th
Magdalena Kress	15th
Bruce Comfort	25th
Daniel Laine	25th
LuAnne Cattley	26th
Charlie 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 phone .....it 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 next month's 'The Call' is the fifteenth.**

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

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

The website helps to **eliminate mistakes** that could hinder the ordering of flowers.

There is also a **Flower Chart** located in the vestibule as you enter the parish hall.

Either way, the price stays the same, \$82 per Sunday or \$41 if two people share the date.

# MAY 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	3	4
5 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 6th Sunday of Easter Celebrant: The Rev. John Eidam	6	7 Prayer Shawl Meeting 10:00 A.M.  8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	8  Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.	9 ASCENSION DAY  Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	10	11
12 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 7th Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day 	13 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M.  Vestry Meeting 7:00 P.M.	14  8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	15  Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.	16  Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	17	18
19 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday	20  Day School Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.	21  8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	22  Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.	23  Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	24	25
26 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 1st Sunday after Pentecost - Trinity Sunday	27 Office/Day School CLOSED 	28  8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	29  Cursillo Small Groups - 6:00 P.M.	30  Bible Study in the Library - 10:30 A.M	31	JUNE 1 Lay Ministry Training for Worship Leaders 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M
JUNE 2 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	JUNE 3	JUNE 4				
						JUNE 14th

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

### MAY 5 -Sixth Sunday of Easter

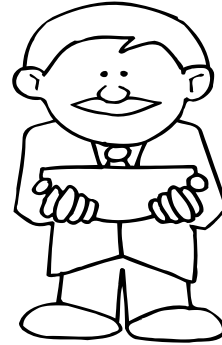
Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Steve Kakol

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

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

Altar Guild: Jessica Trochanowski, Ashley Pierce



### MAY 12—Seventh Sunday of Easter

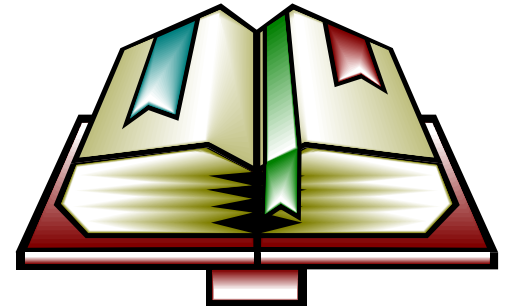
Acolyte: Carys Shreve

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Vicky Martin

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler, 10:00 - Lynne Monette

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

Altar Guild: Dot Pierce, Vel Shreve



### MAY 19 - The Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday

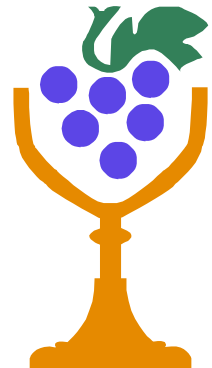
Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, 10:00 - Bronwyn Shreve

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Elizabeth Miller



### MAY 26—The First Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday

Acolyte: Eric Evans

Ushers: Greg Evans, Steve Kakol

Lector: 8:00 - Charlotte Corbett, 10:00 - Linsey Shreve

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

Altar Guild: Millie Coward, Judy Eller





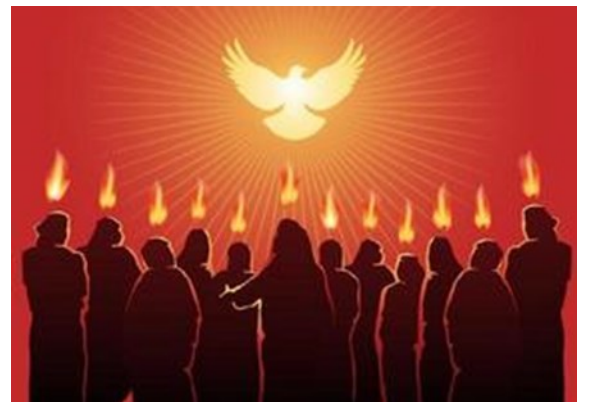
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May 5 Linsey Shreve, Bronwyn Shreve  
“The Beatitudes”, Matthew 5:1-12

May 12 Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser  
“Mother’s Day – Special Mothers in the Bible”

May 19 Debbie Whitehorne, Linsey Shreve  
“Pentecost”, Acts 2:1-21

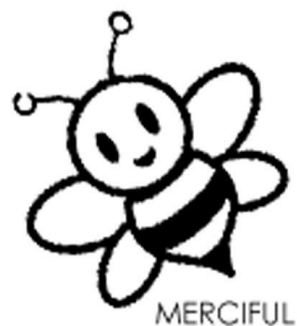
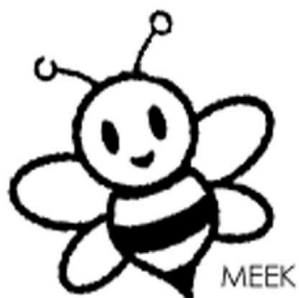
May 26 Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser  
“The Disciples Sent Out to Preach”, Acts 2:41







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RIGHTEOUSNESS



THE BEATITUDES TEACH US HOW TO BE HAPPY.



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

**Opening:** The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library on March 11, 2024. Attending the meeting in person were Fr. Jim Hunter, Vel Shreve, Linsey Shreve, Judy Eller, Charlotte Corbett, Debbie Whitehorne, Charlie Pfeifer, Peggy Pfeifer, and Liz Kress via Facetime. This meeting began with Evening Prayer at 7:00 P.M.

**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. Communications Grant was added by Fr. Jim. Charlie asked that Cyberattack insurance and organ repairs be included. Debbie asked that an "Easter Banner" be added also. Linsey asked that "Caring" be added. Debbie also asked that "Water Cooler" be added. Charlie motioned that the agenda, with additions, be approved, Linsey seconded. Approved by acclamation.

**Minutes:** A correction needs to be made to clarify that the subject under Junior Warden in reference to the carpeting on the wall was for the Church, not the Parish Hall. This will be corrected. The minutes from February 12, 2024, were approved as amended with a motion from Charlie Pfeifer and seconded by Judy Eller. It was passed by acclamation.

**Financial Report:** Charlie Pfeifer presented the December and February financial reports to the Vestry. Highlights for December/EOY include a substantial increase to the Diocesan Fund of over \$6,000.00. Also finished the year 2023 in the black with over \$4400.00 despite the lack of rent payments (3 months) from the Day School. February financials showed we are in the red \$11,000 + in part due to not receiving rent from the day school of \$10,00.00. The other contributing factor is a pledge that has not been received of approximately \$1200 per month (January & February). With no further discussion or questions, Vel Shreve motioned to accept the reports and Linsey Shreve seconded. It was passed by acclamation.

**Rector's Report:** Fr. Jim reported that in addition to the usual work, we had an Ash Wednesday Service on February 14, 2024. He also had a meeting with Bishop Susan, and it was a very good conversation. She stated that St. Peter's is one of the churches in the Diocese that she does not have to "worry about." Jim also asked what was going on with Evangelism in the Diocese. Jim offered to help with the Diocese with Evangelism sometime this Fall if she approved.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Linsey investigated the purchase of an AED. They are required by the public schools, but she cannot find any requirements for religious-exempt schools such as ours. The purchase price online is \$1500 to \$2000. Looking into nonslip pads for the kitchen. She and Debbie are going to a seminar called "When force is used" and will report back on that. Charlie and Charlotte are the counters for the month.

**Junior Warden:** Debbie is still getting bids for the electrical work and cleaners. The lawn team is supposed to be here prior to Easter to clean up the grounds. Discussion was had on having a workday for the church and another for the Day School. Debbie will keep gathering information and bids and investigate hiring a Sexton. She is also getting quotes for a new roof, painting, and termite repairs. To bring the church itself up to par, we are looking at approximately \$100,000.00.

## **New Business:**

Debbie was also looking at getting a water cooler with a \$180.00 rebate received from Costco/Visa. The rebate would cover the cost and Laura agreed to purchase and install the water bottles herself. Charlie disagreed and said the rebate should be put into the church account and used through the general fund. Vel also disagreed and believed the

## Vestry Meeting Minutes cont.

March 11, 2024

### New Business:

children could wait to get water when they go back into the school from the playground. The rebate will have to be cashed into a check made out to the church and put in the general fund for expenses as needed. The point was made that we could certainly use a water cooler, not just for the day school children but for the church members and Sunday school children as well. It has been decided to table this issue for now.

**Cyberattack Insurance** Charlie has received an offer from our insurance agency to have coverage added in case of a cyberattack. Charlie doesn't have an exact price for this addition to our policy. He will call them to get a firm quote. This too was tabled, and Charlie will get more information to present to the Vestry.

**Organ Repairs** There was a quote received from Craven Hunt (our organ repair professional) that was approximately \$3,000.00 to clean and repair problem areas as well as replace the card reader. The organ is still in production and parts are easily purchased. Vel motioned to get the organ repaired. Debbie seconded. It was approved by acclamation.

**Easter Banners** Debbie has researched the cost of banners to welcome people to the church for Easter Services. eSigns have been used in the past for our banners. The cost per banner is \$60. Charlie made the motion to purchase 2 banners, Vel and Judy both seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

**Caring** "Guideline to Christian and Catholic senior living" We were approached by the organization to put a link on our website. The Vestry decided not to participate.

### Old Business –

**Electrical issues:** Debbie has gotten quotes for approximately \$17,000 for repairs that need to be accomplished. Charlie believes the Diocese could help with this as a grant. Part of the challenge is that one of the requirements states that the church must have 2 years of documentation for "Safe Church Training" and we do not have 2 years. Charlie will talk to Judy Dobson regarding money that may be available. This repair work would also shut down the church and day school for a few days, and that must be taken into consideration.

Barry Connelly is also going to give us a quote on changing out the lights behind the Last Supper stained glass. It will require some sort of scaffolding to get up there, and we do already have the lights.

**Dominion Power Energy Savings Inspection:** The gentleman that does these inspections for Dominion Energy has called Debbie several times and has explained that it really is no cost for him to come out and evaluate our facility for ways to cut costs and be more energy efficient. Debbie would like to schedule a weekday meeting with him and a few of our members to find out exactly what this entails.

**Old Copier Disposal:** Linsey posted it on Offer Up and Debbie put it on Marketplace. Debbie has since lowered the asking price and changed up the ad, but neither has gotten an offer to purchase. It was also suggested that we donate this copier to Eggleston or another organization. It was suggested that we keep it posted for sale for a while longer.

**Fence:** Vel has tried to reach out to Theresa, and she hasn't returned calls. Debbie will obtain more quotes for fixing it. Posts and top pieces are good; the chain link needs to be replaced in that section. The insurance company has priced it out as \$2400 – we have a \$1000 deductible – we were given \$1400 already.

The next Vestry meeting will be the special meeting on March 24, 2024, after the 10:00 service, and the regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 8, 2024.

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

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
**Special Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20, 2024**

A special meeting was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. In attendance at this meeting were: Linsey Shreve, Debbie Whitehorne, Charlie Pfeifer, Peggy Pfeifer, Vel Shreve, and Charlotte Corbett. Judy Eller and Liz Kress were not in attendance.

Linsey was asked by Charlie to call this additional meeting to inform the Vestry that we **may** qualify for the Employee Retention Credit in the amount of \$131,000.00. Through ACS (our accounting software company) Charlie has consulted James B. Jordan, CPA LLC, an accounting company that deals only with churches. They will require us to give them a Power of Attorney and they will need a \$10,000 payment, only due after the first check is received. The Vestry needs to give Charlie the power to act on behalf of the church and sign whatever documents are needed to allow them to proceed with this. If we do not receive any benefits under this, then we will not owe this accounting firm anything.

Vel Shreve made the motion to allow Charlie Pfeifer to sign off on all documents with Kimberly Truxell as a back-up. Linsey seconded this motion. Passed by acclamation.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Kallestad  
Registrar

## 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, Chris**



### The Veterans are always in need of:

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

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



### VESTRY MEMBERS

**Sr. Warden - Linsey Shreve ('25)**

**Jr. Warden - Debbie Whitehorne ('24)**

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

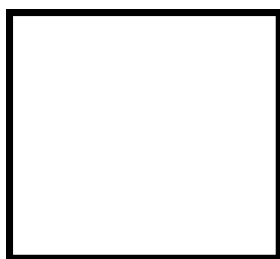
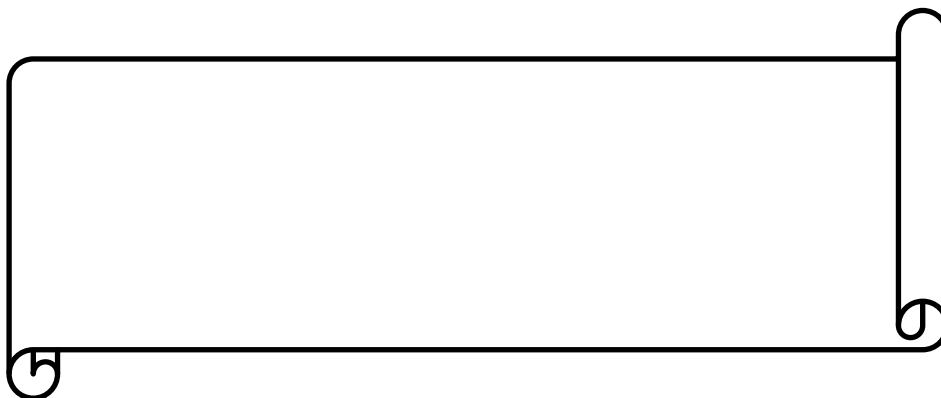
Holy Father, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us as we chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, our leaders and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory.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



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

Edward Klaus III	BJ Neaves	Karen Kakol
Niko Miyashiro	Lois Deloatche	Mary Johnston
Haley G.	Jessica T.	Patsi Walton
Wayne Radford	Kathy Vanderslice	John Eidam
Karleen Smith	Dewey Radford	Barbara LaDue
Luanne Cattley	Mary Robson	Robyn Klaus
Roger Bowser	Sarah Kakol	Charlotte Corbett
Howard Belote	Susan Sigler	Eddie Klaus II
Nancy Davis	Dot Pierce	Joyce Caldwell
Mary Horkey	Josie C	Megan C
Val Powell	Debbie Hollister	Joan Crowther
Denise McCue	Shelly-Ann Tenia	Bert Truxell
Teri Stephenson	The Rev. Canon Ross Wright	
Christine Alexander	Krista Itzen	Pam Standish
Eddie & Lisa Stanfield	Paul & Lee Nelson	
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	Mary & Larry Laine	
Dee & Glen Smith		





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“THE CALL”

We *celebrate* the love of Christ and *proclaim* our faith by *welcoming* and *serving* all.

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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.*

