

NOVEMBER 2018

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.

4th	.....	Daylight Savings Time ends (clocks 'fall' back one hour)
6th	.....	Prayer Shawl meeting, 7pm
8th	.....	Finance Committee meeting, 7pm
11th	.....	Vestry meeting, 11:30am
12th	.....	Veteran's Day, Office/School closed Ladies Lunch, 12:30pm
18th	.....	Day School Board meeting, 11:30am
21st	.....	Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7pm at Aldersgate United Methodist Church
22nd/23rd	.....	Office/Day School closed

“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”

“THE CALL”

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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Phone: 757-466-9392



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

Happy Birthday

Mary Ronnie	3rd
Bruce Baker	7th
Mindy Galford	8th
Jane Monte	8th
Ricki Wright	15th
Joe Sanderlin	19th
Sandi Nash	24th
Edward Klaus III	30th

ST.PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV
Rector	The Rev. John M. Eidam
Secretary	Vel Shreve
Organist	Elizabeth Miller
Treasurer	Carolyn King
Sexton	Kevin Bates

VESTRY MEMBERS

Bonnie Rennick -	Sr. Warden	('19)	
Bruce Comfort -	Jr. Warden	('18)	
Nancy Comfort	('18)	Robert Olliges	('20)
Kimberly Truxell	('19)	Charlie Pfeifer	('20)
Rob Truxell	('19)	Linsey Shreve	('20)
Jim Jimeno	('20)		

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. They meet November 6th 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.



NOVEMBER "LADIES LUNCH BUNCH"

This month, the group will meet for lunch Monday, November 12th, at 12:30PM. They meet at "Ruby Tuesdays Restaurant" in the Pembroke area of Va. Beach. Please sign the list in the parish hall if you plan on attending. For more information contact Millie Coward at 455-5887



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS...

November 4th. Set your clocks 'back' one hour on Saturday night before going to bed. Be on time for church Sunday!!!



The deadline for articles for the December issue of The Call is:
November 15th
Send articles to vel@stpeters-norfolk.org or call the church office at 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 each Wednesday evening. Both groups meet at 6:15PM. The women also meet at Debbie Whitehorne's, home on Mondays at 2pm. Call Debbie for directions 499-7034

Co-ed Bible Study Group also meet on Wednesdays. They meet in the Diffenbaugh Library. The study begins at 7PM. They are studying the NOOMA series created by Rob Bell. A short video will be followed by group discussion. Bring a Bible and bring a friend!

**THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP**

This year, we celebrate Thanksgiving at **Aldersgate United Methodist Church**, around the corner, on Sellger Drive.



The service begins at 7PM.

Area churches are participating in this worship service.

Come, give thanks to God for our many blessings

Please keep these people in your prayers

June Faye	Joan	Charlie	Brenda
B.J.	Hazel	June	Liz
Joe	Sebastian	Joy	The Daugherty Family
Lois	Steve	Wally	Susan
Tom & Family	John	Nathan	Chris & Family
Xander & Family	Maurice	Tereca	Claire
Johnny & Nancy	Christine	Alma	The Long Family
Debbie & Kenny	Niko	Fred	Donald & Teresa
Angie & Peter	Cheryl	Jackson	Madeline & Alex
Al & Millie	Emily	Barbara	
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Peggy	
Maurice & Joyce	Bonnie	Brenda Jo	
Bert & Ann	Jessica	Rick	
Leslie	Josephine	Vickie	
The Long Family	Penny	Debra	
Florence & Howard	Fidelma	Kevin	
The Benn Family	Sarah	Holly	
The Daugherty Family	Susan	Karen	

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.

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

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	5 Women's Cursillo Grouping at the Whitehorne home 2PM	6 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 7PM Prayer Shawl meeting 8PM AA meeting	7 Cursillo Grouping 6:15PM CoEd Bible Study	8 Finance Committee meeting 7PM		10
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25 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II Chapel children sing in church Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	26 Women's Cursillo Grouping at the Whitehorne home 2PM	27 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8PM AA meeting	28 Cursillo Grouping 6:15PM CoEd Bible Study	29	30	

St. Peter's Children's Ministry

November 2018

Child at Thanksgiving Dinner

Prayer

God,
Thank you for this dinner,
And our family and friends so dear.
We truly do appreciate all you do
for us during this time of year.
Thank you for the turkey,
and the mashed potatoes, too.
Thank you for your grace,
And bless us in all we do.
Amen.

Special Thank You

Thank you all that were part of organizing the acolyte festival trip at the National Cathedral! It was such a meaningful event for the kids and adults as well. St. Peter's is blessed to have you!

Important Dates

- ❖ **Nov 4th** - All Saints Sunday/Baptisms
John 11:32-44 - Jesus raises Lazarus
 - Daylight savings time ends * Turn clocks back!
 - Birthday Blessings

Parade of Saints at the beginning of 10:00am church service.
- ❖ **Nov 11th** - Mark 12:38-44 - The Widow's Offering
- ❖ **Nov 18th** - Pentecost 26 - Mark 13:1-8 - Signs of the end of the age
- ❖ **Nov 22st** - **THANKSGIVING DAY!**
- ❖ **Nov 25th** - Christ the King Sunday - Mark 13:1-8 - Signs of the end of the age

Corny Humor

Q: Who is never hungry on Thanksgiving?
A: The turkey because he's already stuffed!

Q: When the Pilgrims landed, where did they stand?
A: On their feet.

Q: What's the best thing to put into pumpkin pie?
A: Your teeth.





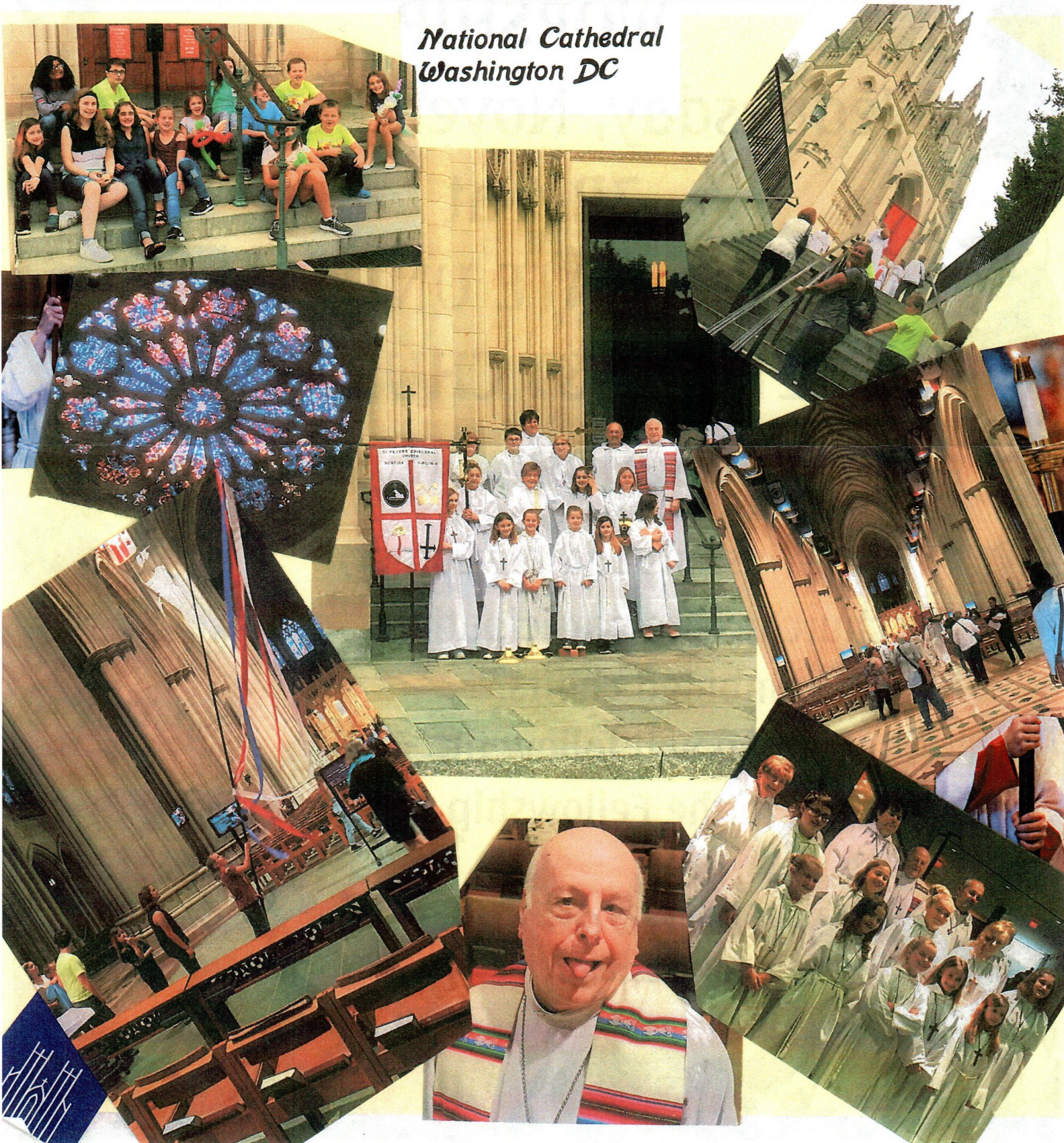
Cool Pumpkin Carving Ideas



ACOLYTE FESTIVAL TRIP

OCTOBER 6th 2018

*National Cathedral
Washington DC*



ASSIGNMENTS

November 4th—24th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Danny Nowland, Bruce Comfort
Ushers	Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve
Lector /LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Janet Chauncey
LEM at 10AM	Jason Nowland
Altar Guild Duty	Dot Pierce
Nursery Attendants	Yvonne Authement, Vivien Valentine

November 11th—25th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Bronwyn Shreve, Christine Truxell
Ushers	Jim Jimeno, Sean McGinty
Lector at 8AM	Drew Midgette
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Laura Kallestad
LEM at 10AM	Bruce Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Bonnie Rennick, Millie Coward
Nursery Attendants	Amanda Keller, Wendy Glaeser

November 18th— 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolytes	Sarah Weisiger, Nancy Comfort
Ushers	Vicky Martin, Roger Rennick
Lector at 8AM	Tony Antonik
LEM at 8AM	Charlie Pfeifer
Lector at 10AM	Bonnie Rennick
LEM at 10AM	Roger Rennick
Altar Guild Duty	Bobbi Bowery, Judy Eller
Nursery Attendants	Karen Kakol, Yvonne Authement

November 25th—Christ the King Sunday

Acolytes	Valerie Sasser, Corrin King, Magdalena Kress, Isabel Nowland
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Steve Kakol
Lector at 8AM	Vivien Valentine
LEM at 8AM	James Benn
Lector at 10AM	Judy Eller
LEM at 10AM	Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Jessica Trochanowski, Vel Shreve
Nursery Attendants	Wendy Glaeser, Vivien Valentine

FROM THE RECTOR

Vestry Highlights: At their October 16th meeting, the Vestry:

* Approved the September Financial Report which included-

In September, our income was \$2,086 less than budgeted.

In September, our expenses were \$1,958 less than budgeted.

Thus far, for 2018, we are \$70 under budget

- * Stewardship Packets were mailed to church members on Sept. 13.
- * Kitchen and Pantry improvements continue. Some plumbing still needs to be done
- * Approved expenditure of up to \$3,200 to finish kitchen plumbing.
- * Finalized plans for Fall Picnic (Oct. 14) and Commitment Brunch (Oct. 28)
- * Reflected on Acolyte Festival in Wash. D.C.- all agreed it was wonderful!

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

For all those affected by this fall's hurricanes, as they recover and grieve.

- + * Our Diocese and our Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Herman (Holly) Hollerith*
Our Assisting Bishop, *The Right Rev. Jay Magness*
- + * Our Presiding Bishop, *The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry*
- + * The people and clergy of our neighborhood churches.
- + * St. James Holiness Church and their pastor, Elder Gavin Wainwright.
- + * The leaders of our nation, our state, and our local governments.
- + * A successful fall Stewardship Campaign.
- + * Lots more *Positive Change* for our youth collection jars.

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

- * My incredibly talented and hardworking *Church Staff!*
- * A very successful Acolyte Festival Retreat in Washington D.C.
- * James Benn, our new Youth Director!
- * A great Fall Picnic- thanks to all who worked to make it so.
- * The presence of Bishop Jay Magness at our worship on Oct. 21st
- * Our newly Confirmed member- *Corrin King.*
- * Our newly Received member- *Jessica Trochanowski.*
- * The Acts of Random Kindness done by so many of you.
- * The generous donations made to the *Church Discretionary Account.*
- * Those good deeds "*known and unknown*" to us and done by our church members.

RECTOR'S LETTER

Giving Thanks

Rudyard Kipling was a great writer and poet whose works have been enjoyed by many people. Unlike many of the old writers, Kipling was one of the few who had the opportunity to enjoy his success while still living. He also made a great deal of money at his trade. One day a newspaper reporter approached him and said, *"Mr. Kipling, I just read that somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to just over a hundred dollars a word."* Kipling raised his eyebrows and replied, *"Really? I certainly wasn't aware of that."*

Then the reporter cynically reached down into his pocket, pulled out a hundred dollar bill, gave it to Kipling, and said, *"Here's a hundred dollar bill, Mr. Kipling. Now give me one of your hundred dollar words."* Kipling looked at the hundred dollar bill for a moment, took it, folded it up, put it in his pocket and said, *"Thanks!"*

And do you know what? Kipling was right! The word *"thanks"* is certainly a hundred dollar word. In fact, you might say it is more like a *"million dollar"* word. It's one word that is too seldom heard and too rarely spoken and too often forgotten. If we would all adopt an attitude of gratitude (an attitude of thanksgiving) into our lives, just think about how our lives might be changed.

As Christians we are to be thankful for all that we receive- our material possessions, our health, our families, our friends....all that we have. But true Christian thanksgiving is more than simply acknowledging the gift. It is also acknowledging, pointing to, and praising (out of thanksgiving and in word and action) the Person who gives simply because of who He is- a loving, caring, and gracious God whom we can come to know and experience in Jesus Christ- *"Praise God from who all blessings flow..."*

I hope and pray that when you and yours are gathered together on Thanksgiving Day, you will take the time to (not only give thanks for the many ways in which God has blessed you in this past year) but to reflect upon Him and who He is and to reflect upon His greatest blessing of all- the new life that is ours through faith in His Son Jesus.

And please join us Thanksgiving Eve (November 21st) at 7 PM as our good friends at Aldersgate United Methodist Church host our annual Community Thanksgiving service. Six churches will be participating in the service this year including: Aldersgate United Methodist, Riverside Baptist, East Coast Gospel Light House, St. James Holiness, Firm Foundation, and , of course, St. Peter's. The music will be provided by a choir made up of individuals from all these congregations. The preacher will be Pastor Fred Williams of Riverside Baptist. Following the service, a reception will be held in the social hall. It promises to be wonderful evening of worship, praise, and thanksgiving. Why not invite your friends and neighbors?

Peace and love,

John+