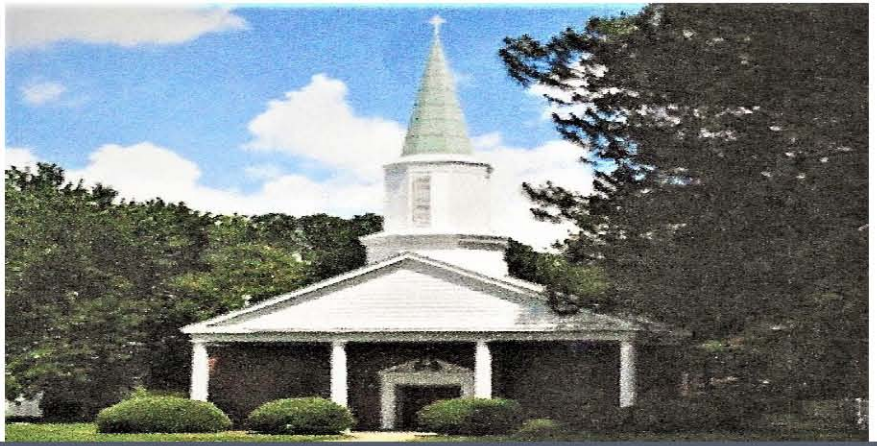


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ST. PETER'S CHURCH
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Jim's Corner

Last month I wrote about stewardship; what it is, our relationship to God as stewards, what happens when we give, and the spiritual nature of stewardship. There was an element of stewardship I did not mention and which I want to address in this issue of *The Call*.

For a long time now, the Episcopal Church has embraced the biblical norm of tithing as the norm for giving in Episcopal parishes. So, what's a "tithe?" "Tithe" translates Hebrew and Greek words that mean "a

tenth," or "to take or give a tenth" of something. The tenth was usually of the produce of the ground and was considered that part of the whole due from a worshipper to his [g]od for the support of the [g]od's sanctuary and its priests.

Underlying the giving of the tithe was the basic idea that "the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Ps. 24:1). To give a tenth, therefore, meant to acknowledge in a tangible way the Lord's ownership of the land and its produce. Hence, Judah's failure to do this was tantamount to robbing

God (Mal. 3:8, 10), not of the material things themselves – these already belonged to God (Ps. 50:10) – but of the recognition that these material things belonged to him and were exclusively his. Man's possessions were seen as gifts given by God, the proper response to which was gratitude. Tithing, then, came to mean also an expression of thanks to God for his generosity (cf. Gen. 28:20-22). Finally, the effect of tithing meant that the Levites and priests could be supported and the poor provided with food.

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Tithing was viewed, therefore, as God's way of involving his people in his own redemptive activity, in his own immense concern for the poor and destitute. Just as God had shared his blessings with his people, so they who received them must share them with people less fortunate.

Given the importance of tithing in the Old Testament, it is surprising that never once is tithing mentioned in any of the instructions given to the church. Jesus mentions scribes and Pharisees who tithe, (Matt. 23:33 par. Lk. 11:42; 18:12), but he never commanded his disciples to tithe. The writer to the Hebrews refers to Abraham paying tithes to Melchizedek and Levi paying his tithe to Melchizedek through Abraham (Heb. 7:2, 5), but he never taught his readers to follow their example. Paul writes about sharing material possessions to care for the needs of the poor (1 Cor. 16:1-3; 2 Cor. 8-9; Eph. 4:28) and to sustain the Christian ministry (1 Cor. 9). He urges and commends generosity (2 Cor. 9:6; 8:1-5) but never once does he demand, as a command from God, that any specific amount be given.

Paul, however, did demand of his churches that collections be taken for the saints, i.e. for the Christians in the mother church at Jerusalem (1 Cor. 16:1-3; 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1, 12)... All of Paul's special vocabulary about giving (*charis* or grace, 1 Cor. 16:3; *koinōnia* or fellowship, 2 Cor. 8:4; *diakonia* or service, 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1; *eulogia* or praise, blessing, 2 Cor. 9:50, and his explicit teaching on the subject (Rom. 15:25-28; 1 Cor. 9:8-18; 2 Cor. 8-9) indicate that for the Christian giving is voluntary, an act of free will, a non-compulsory sharing of his material possessions with no stipulated amount, such as a tax or tithe, demanded of him. The Christian gives as she has made up her mind to give (2 Cor. 9:7) and as God has prospered her (1 Cor. 16:2). He gives because he is aware that he is God's (Christ's) slave (*doulos*, Rom. 6:16; 1 Cor. 7:22; Eph. 6:6; 1 Pet. 2:16); that neither he nor his possessions are really his own to use as he likes (1 Cor. 6:20); that essentially he is a steward charged with the responsible handling of his master's goods (1 Pet. 4:10) and that eventually he must account for what he has done with these goods (Rom. 14:12). She gives because she has the generosity of Christ as her model (2 Cor. 8:9) and the impelling power of God's Spirit within her as her motivation. Hence, the Christian's giving, in contrast to that of the OT saint, is not done with reluctance or compulsion (2 Cor. 9:7), nor is it limited to a tithe of each year's income. Rather it is done cheerfully, voluntarily, systematically and with open-ended generosity (1 Cor. 16:1ff; 2 Cor. 9:6-9).

Some will ask the \$64K question: "Does one tithe on the gross or the net income?" Statistically, 96% of Evangelical Christians don't tithe at all, so the question is moot. The tithe is given to the local parish. Any giving to other organizations or causes are above the tithe and are freely given from one's surplus.

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I remember what Bishop William G. Burrill of the Diocese of Rochester, New York once said about tithing. He said that “God always does things the hard way. Well, just look at the cross. Jesus had to die in order to save us. That wasn’t easy. So, instead of giving us 90% of our possessions, the easy thing to do, he gave us 100% and asked for only 10% back.” And about the churches usually operating on the edge of going into the hole, he said, “The good news is that we have all the money we need to keep our churches financially healthy. The bad news is that the money is in our pockets. If everyone tithed from a grateful, loving, heart we wouldn’t have any financial problems in the Church.” I believe that.

¹G. F. Hawthorne, “Tithe,” in *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*, Vol. 3, ed. Collin Brown (Grand Rapids, MI: The Zondervan Corp, 1978), 851.

²Hawthorne, “Tithe,” 853.

³ Hawthorne “Tithe,” 854

⁴Dave Ramsey, *Financial Peace University: Coordinator Guide* (Brentwood, TN: Lampo Licensing, LLC, 2012), 217.



**WE GIVE *because*
GOD GAVE FIRST**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

OCTOBER

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings are performed on the 1st Sunday of the month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Anniversary!

Jacob Pickurel	3rd
Tami Walton	4th
Peggy Pfeifer	6th
Caden Nash	10th
Jeffrey Pfeifer	12th
Ava Keller	17th
Hannah Comfort	18th
Christine Truxell	23rd
Scott Rennick	24th
Eric Baker	24th
Jacob Shreve	25th
Sierra King	25th
Janet Chauncey	29th
Wendy Glaeser	29th
Jonathan DeLoatche	31st

Eller, Judy & Jimmy	10/3/98
Walton, Scott & Tami	10/15/04
Plucinski, Sebastian & Kathleen	10/15/05
Johnson, Susie and Greg	10/22/05



The 2022 Flower Chart is located in the vestibule as you enter the parish hall. If you would like to donate flowers to the church any Sunday through the year, in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, sign the flower chart beside the Sunday you wish to give. The flowers are \$72 or \$36 if two people give on the same day.

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)

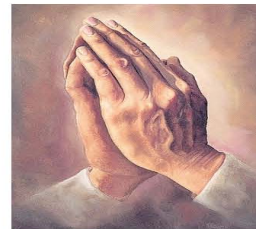
Joe - Chloe - Hannah - David - Courtney - Frank - Kyle - Michael - Allan - Mario



The Veterans are always in need of:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, new unopened packs of socks (men’s & women’s), new clothing (no used clothing at this time), tissues & handkerchiefs. No candy, food, or drinks right now.

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



Please keep these people in your prayers

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| Eddie | Joan | Charlie |
| BJ | Hazel | Niko |
| Lois | Sebastian | Jessica |
| Patsi | Wayne | Becky |
| Kathy | Bill | Laura |
| Johnny & Nancy | John | Kathie |
| Debbie & Kenny | Lisa | Brian H. |
| Clay & Wanda | Bob | Dewey |
| Bert & Ann | Daniel | Dolores |
| Mary | Dylan | Eastin |
| Teresa | Robyn | Megan |
| Jonathan | Diane | Sarah |
| Myles & Family | Howard | Hannah |
| Evie Hill | | |

The deadline for articles for the November issue of ‘The Call’ is October 14th.

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

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 P.M. in the Diffenbaugh Library. After the short break we took for summer, the ladies will again be knitting, crocheting, and looming infant and preemie hats, homeless hats and scarves, baby blankets, chemo caps, and prayer shawls. Don't know how to knit, crochet, or loom??? We will teach you! We have yarn, needles, crochet hooks, and looms so you don't need to buy anything while you are learning.



Need a gift?

We are selling beautiful white shawls that may be used as a baby shawl or a lap cover. They are \$40 each and all proceeds go to the Prayer Shawl Ministry to cover the cost of yarn for this ministry. If you are interested in purchasing a shawl call Millie Coward at 757-455-5887 (land line) or email m.jlc@verizon.net. We would love for you to join us. Bring a friend!



The Acts of Kindness Ministry would like to thank everyone for your generosity in supporting us at our bake sale on September 18th. It was very successful and will allow us to serve many who may be in need in the future. Our next meeting is October 4th at 10:00 A.M.



Acolyte Training will be held Saturday, October 22, 2022, 10:00 A.M. - 1130 A.M. We welcome Eric Evans to the St. Peter's Acolyte Ministry! So glad you are joining us, Eric. We will gather in the Sanctuary to review the Sunday service recent changes from the beginning to the end. Everyone please put your vestments on when you arrive for a group photo. All are welcome and encouraged to join us. Look forward to seeing you there! For more information contact Nancy Comfort, Judy Eller, or the office.



The Altar Guild is looking for new members. We welcome both women and men that are confirmed in the Episcopal church to join us. This ministry prepares the sanctuary and altar for celebrations of worship i.e., Sunday services, weddings, baptisms, etc. For more detailed information about the Altar Guild responsibilities, please contact Millie Coward, 757-455-5887 (H), email m.jlc@verizon.net or text 757-469-5887 (C). Your help is needed, so please consider joining this very essential ministry for St Peter's.



St. Peter's Day School is looking for a Teacher of 3-year-olds and an Extended Care Aide/Teacher Aide. Teacher and Teacher Aide hours are 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M., Monday through Friday and for Extended Care, hours will vary, Monday through Friday. Contact the office if you or someone you know might be interested.



Bible Study meeting is on Thursdays at 10:30 A.M., in the Diffenbaugh Library. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and don't forget to bring a friend.



We will be meeting for lunch and fellowship on Monday October 10th, at 12:30 P.M. at Baker's Crust, 1244 Greenbrier Pkwy, Suite #510, Chesapeake. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall. For more information please call Millie Coward email: m.jlc@verizon.net or text 757-469-5887 (C).

October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II Blessing of the Animals—4:00 P.M.	3	4 <i>Acts of Kindness —</i> 10:00 A.M. Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00 PM 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	5	6 <i>Cursillo #169</i> Bible Study is cancelled this week.	7 -> ->	8 -> -> -> ->
9 -> -> 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II	10 COLUMBUS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED Ladies Luncheon 12:30 P.M. Baker's Crust Vestry Meeting—7:00 P.M.	11 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	12	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	17 Day School Board Meeting—7:00 P.M.	18 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	19 CPR/First Aid Training - 6:30 P.M.	20 Bible Study in the library - 10:30 A.M.	21	22 Acolyte Training - 10:00 A.M.
23 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II	24	25 8:00 P.M. AA MEETING	26	27 Bible Study in the library - 10:30 A.M.	28	29
30 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M.-Rite II	31 Day School Halloween/All Saints Parade and Parties 10:00 A.M.					

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Oct. 2— 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Vicky Martin

Lector: Kimberly Truxell

LEM: Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild Duty: Lynne Monette, Jessica Trochanowski



Oct. 9—18th Sunday after Pentecost

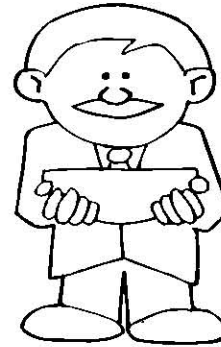
Acolyte: Nancy Comfort, Eric Evans

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Susan Sigler

Lector: Lynne Monette

LEM: Debbie Whitehorne

Altar Guild Duty: Nancy Comfort, Millie Coward



Oct. 16—19th Sunday after Pentecost

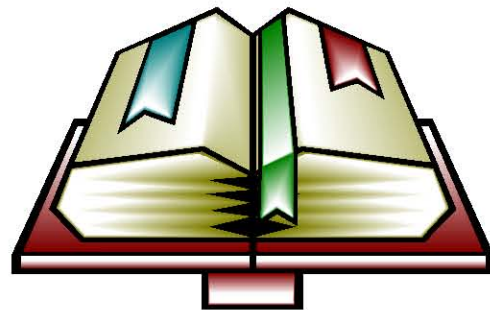
Acolyte: Carys Shreve

Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Vicky Martin

Lector: Bruce Comfort

LEM: Nancy Comfort

Altar Guild Duty: Charlotte Corbett, Ashley Pierce



Oct. 23—20th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Judy Eller

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Steve Kakol

Lector: Susan Sigler

LEM: Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty: Vel Shreve, Judy Eller



Oct. 30—21st Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Larry Shreve

Lector: Janet Chauncy

LEM: Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty: Elizabeth Miller, Dot Pierce





Luke 17:11-19

Jesus and the thankful leper.

Just like there are exercises that make our bodies feel better, there are also exercises that help us pay attention to God better. One of these “spiritual exercises” that we can do regularly is worship. Another spiritual exercise that we can do regularly is praying, both on our own and with others. And another spiritual exercise we can do regularly is giving thanks to God.

It is that exercise of giving thanks that we see in today’s story. In the story, Jesus heals 10 men, each of whom have this awful disease called leprosy. But, after they are healed, only ONE of the men returns to Jesus to say thank you. Because he returns, Jesus is able to tell him, “Your faith has made you well.”

The man was already healed, but because he came back to give thanks, then the man was made even better – he went from being healed to being made well.

This is a lot like how exercise by itself can help us feel healthy, but then when we eat well and get lots of sleep as well, then we often feel even better.

When we practice these spiritual exercises of worship, prayer, and giving thanks to God, then we are strengthening our ability to pay attention to God. And, like the man in today’s story, when we do these exercises, then we are better able to receive the fullness of God’s love and life for us. When we are fully receiving God’s love and life, then we are even better able to be God’s loving, healthy gifts to those around us

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for Jesus who teaches us about your party, the Kingdom of God. Please help us live and share your party.

Amen



Happy Birthday



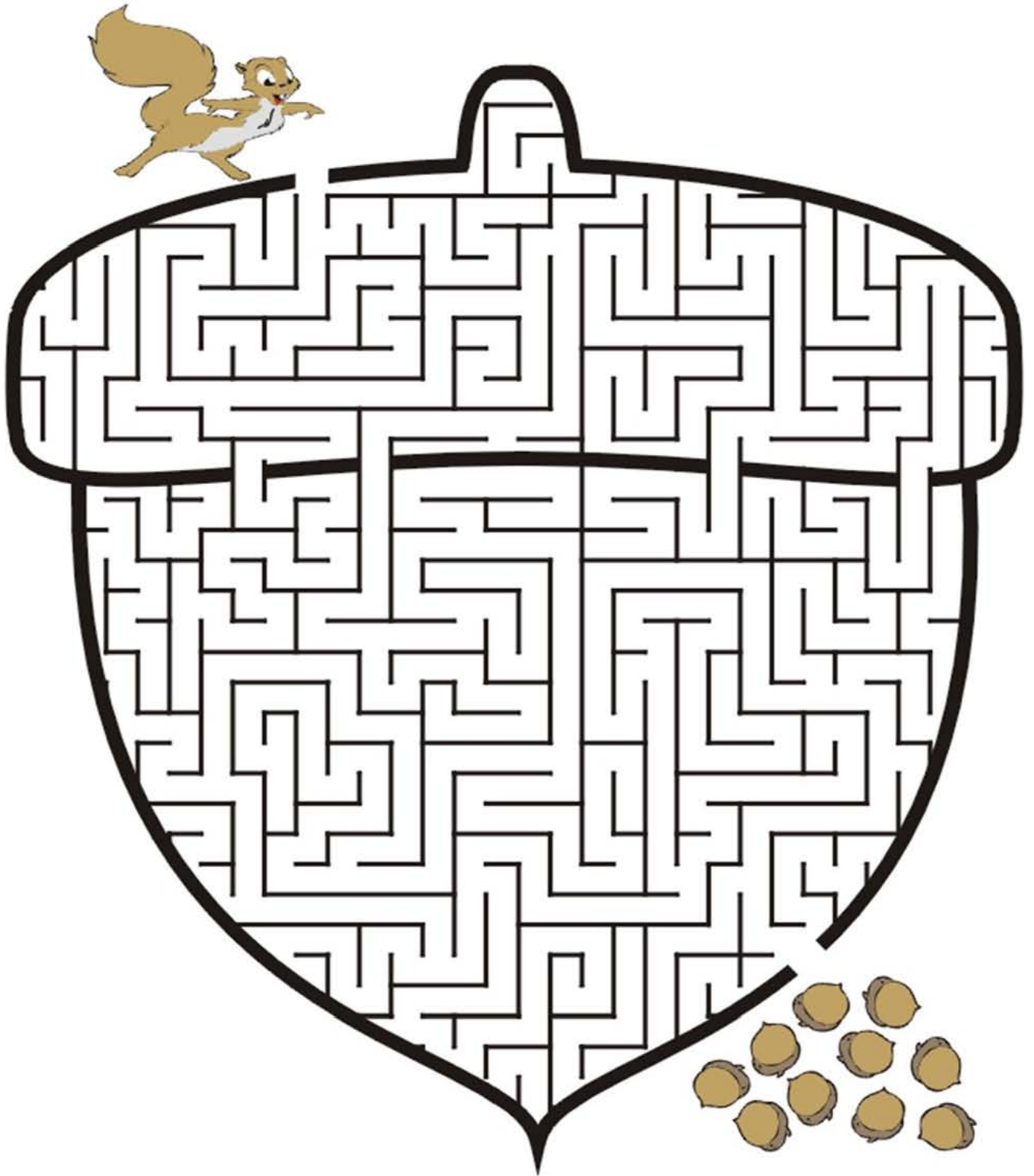
Ava Keller: October 17th

Corrin King: October 28th

Dates to Remember

- October 2nd: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 – Appeal for Loyalty to Paul and the Gospel
- October 9th: Luke 17:11-19 – Jesus Heals Ten Men with Leprosy
- October 16th: Luke 18:1-8 – The Parable of the Persistent Widow
- October 23rd: Luke 18:9-14 – The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- October 30th: Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Help the squirrel through the maze to find its acorns



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Aug 8, 2022

Opening: The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library on Aug 8, 2022. Attending the meeting were Fr. Jim, Kimberly Truxell, Susan Sigler, Debbie Whitehorne, Charlotte Corbett, Bruce Comfort, and Charlie Pfeifer, Treasurer.

Vestry Meeting Opening: The Vestry Meeting was opened with a prayer.

July 2022 Minutes: The Revised July 2022 Minutes were distributed to the vestry. The minutes were approved as revised.

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

The Cash Account Balances for July 2022 are as follows:

Operating Account:	\$30,508.86
Money Market Account	\$50,053.03
Composite Fund:	\$65,767.11
Total Net Assets:	\$141,937.28

Kimberly moved that the Financial Report be approved. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Senior Warden's Report:

Meeting with Elise Balcom: Kimberly informed the vestry that she and Debbie met with Elise Balcom concerning the church's coming transitional period and that Elise would like to schedule a time to meet with the entire vestry regarding this matter. Kimberly will inform the vestry when this meeting can be arranged.

Lems and Lectors: Susan reminded the vestry that with the beginning of two services, it will be necessary to revise the schedule to supply and schedule Lems and Lectors for the newly revised 8AM services.

Junior Warden:

Church Grounds: Debbie has surveyed the church grounds and found that certain areas are not being maintained as they should. She will discuss this with the company involved.

Interior Cleaning: More cleaning needs to be done in the library. Debbie will speak with the cleaning contractor.

Sump Pump: The sump pump has not yet been fixed or, replaced.

Hole in Wall: A small hole in the workroom closet has been discovered where animals could possibly enter. It will be closed off.

Kitchen: It was brought to the attention of the vestry that there is a stoppage problem and some odors coming from the kitchen sink. Several solutions were discussed, but no decisions were made.

New Business:

Summer Picnic: There was some discussion concerning a Summer Picnic similar to the one St. Peter's usually holds for Rally Day to be scheduled for late September. Up to \$150 was approved by the vestry for that occasion. However, no further action was taken on this proposal.

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Vestry Meeting Minutes

Aug 8, 2022

Rector’s Report:

New Playground Equipment: New playground equipment has been ordered for the Day School Playground and should be delivered late August or September.

Supply Priest: Fr. Jim informed the vestry that he will be serving at the Cursillo Weekend October 6-9 and that The Reverend John Baldwin will be supplying for that Sunday.

Church Profile: A copy of a Church Profile is needed for the transition period and Charlie offered to try to find a sample of one done previously for St. Peter’s.

Vestry Meeting Addition Fr. Jim would like to add an Evening Prayer Service at the beginning of the night-time vestry meetings along with the usual Lord’s Prayer at the close of the meeting.

Other Business:

Rally Day Sundaes Social: It was suggested that in place of the usual Rally Day picnic, that an Ice Cream Social be held on Sunday, September 11 after the 10AM service. The Vestry enthusiastically agreed.

Lighting: Bruce has ordered exterior LED light fixtures for the front of the sanctuary which will be on from dusk to dawn. He will install them. Charlie moved that we should consider purchasing such lighting for the front of the office wing as well. Kimberly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Visitation: A suggestion was made that a Stephen Ministry be started in order to better serve the congregation with hospital and home visits.

There being no further business, Kimberly moved to adjourn. Bruce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pfeifer

Registrar

VESTRY MEMBERS

Kimberly Truxell, Sr. Warden - ('23)

Debbie Whitehorne, Jr. Warden— ('24)

Susan Sigler ('22) Bruce Comfort ('22)

Charlotte Corbett ('22) Register—Peggy Pfeifer



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

Keys to the Church:

If you have any keys that open any door in the church, please email Laura Kallestad at laura@stpeters-norfolk.org so a new filing system can be enacted. We are **NOT** taking away any keys, we just need an accurate accounting. We need to know the keys you have and what they unlock.

If you find it easier to fill out this form and put it in Laura's box by the soda machine, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your help in this time of transition. It is greatly appreciated.

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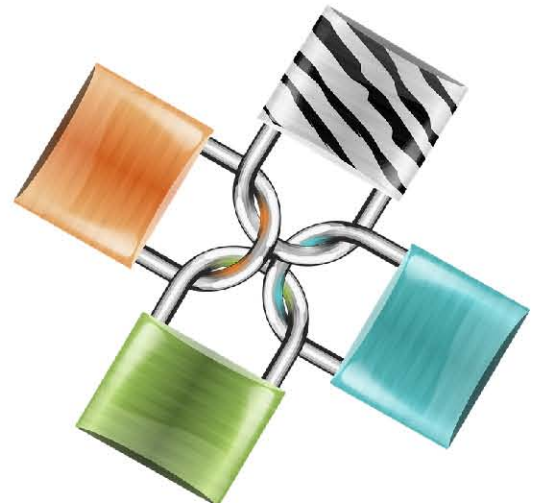
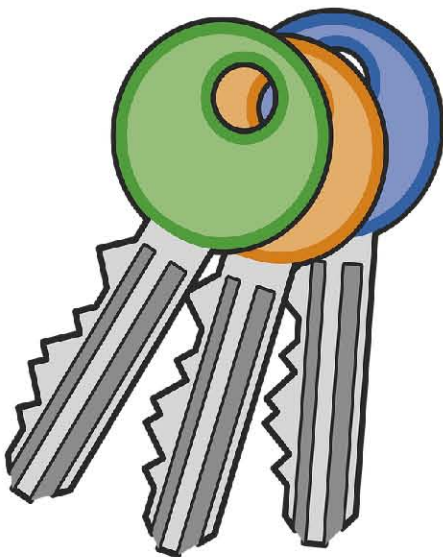
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St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated September 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All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



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