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From the Vestry— A Reflection

As we emerge from the darkness of the winter, the glory and majesty of God our Creator is all around us. Embracing the promise of new beginnings. It starts with the changing of the seasons; the warming of the air and the brightness of the sun. New life is evident with the budding of trees and flowering of plants. Life begins anew with babies of all the earth's species. Anyone who witnesses these events surely knows they are a blessing from the Father, not our doing. Heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty, open our eyes that by rejoicing in them we may serve thee and our fellow man with gladness. May we be a bright light to others. God expects us to care for our fellow man and all the creatures of His on this earth. Give us grateful hearts for all Thy mercies

and make us aware of the needs of others. Help us to sow the seeds of kindness, empathy, understanding and love in this church and in our daily lives by the promises made to us by our Lord Jesus Christ who extends to us mercy, love, hope and forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. AMEN

From: Charlotte Corbett

Presiding Bishop:

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe

Diocesan Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Parish Administrator:

Laura Kallestad

Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

Treasurer:

Charlie Pfeifer

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Ladies Luncheon-The ladies of St. Peter's meet at a different restaurant on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. We will be enjoying lunch at 12:30 PM on April 13th at Metro Diner, 1124 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake. Please join us and bring a friend. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall so we have an accurate number for reservations. For more information contact Millie Coward cell 757-469-5887 or m.jlc@cox.net.

The Altar Guild is still making a plea for additional **HELP!!** There are currently 4 openings for both men and women in this ministry that need filling as soon as possible. You will be fully trained, at your convenience, and work with an experienced member. Only requirement for placement in the Altar Guild is that you are confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Benefits are unlimited, e.g. working with a great team, pride in knowing that you had a hand in helping to make the Altar beautiful and pleasing for our church family, and most of all the joy you will experience knowing that you are serving the Lord by preparing the Altar at St. Peter's for celebrations of worship for Sunday services, weddings, baptisms, and funerals. **Please** prayerfully consider joining this critical ministry today! Contact Millie Coward 757-469-5887 or m.jlc@cox.net.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Our membership is small but we work hard to furnish items to needy folks. This is what we contributed to various organizations in the month of March— 14 adult hats, 5 children's hats, 1 scarves, 7 prayer pocket shawls, 9 pairs of booties and 7 pairs of mittens. We welcome new members to join us to knit, crochet and loom for these organizations. We can use your talent. Please consider joining us, if you would like to help us supply much needed items or learn how to knit, crochet, or loom, please mark your calendar for 10 am April 7th and join us at our meeting in the Diffenbaugh Library. We have expert teachers and all the supplies you will need to practice. Or if you prefer, you may supply items from the comfort of your home. Just call, email or text me and I will be happy to pick them up for distribution. Please consider joining us not only to share your talents but for fellowship as well. For more specifics please contact Millie Coward, (757) 469-5887/ m.jlc@cox.net.

St. Peter's Day School is not just another building — it is ministry in action!

It is an integral part of **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**, bringing new families into our congregation, helping support church expenses, and serving children ages 18 months to 4 years. **Now, the school needs YOU.**



You can help by:

- Sharing on Facebook and social media
- Posting or distributing flyers (available now!)
- Spreading the word to parents and grandparents
- Connecting us with businesses or neighborhood newsletters
- Posting a flyer at your workplace or local gathering spots
- Volunteering for the Day School Board (meets once a month)

If you attend community meetings or belong to local organizations — **YOU can make a difference.**

For more information, contact: Charlie Pfeifer (Chairman), Vel Shreve, Hilda Monte, Janet Chauncey, Debra Whitehorne, Liz Kress, or Laura Kallestad (Registrar).

Support the School—Strengthen the Church.



St. Peter's Search Committee is still actively searching for a new rector for our church. Although this process seems to be taking a long time, this is not unusual. We will continue to keep you informed on our progress by publishing news in The Call and the Sunday bulletin. Please be patient and supportive of our Committee and keep them in your prayers. Remember, our next rector is out there somewhere, searching for the perfect church with the best church family. Let's hope he finds us soon! It's in God's hands! Blessings, Vel Shreve, Search Committee Chair



Lenten Outreach

The parish of St. Peter's is supporting the food pantry at Church of the Advent during this Lenten season.

A collection basket has been placed in the parish hall for your donations of non-perishable food items. Please be sure to check expiration dates before placing items in the basket.

Your donations will be delivered to Church of the Advent's food pantry, which provides food for approximately 500 people each month.

We encourage everyone to participate in this important ministry as we seek to fulfill God's call to care for our brothers and sisters in need.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Corbett.



Upcoming Diocesan Workshops

Racial Healing Workshops (for vestries, clergy, church staff, search committees, among others)

April 18 at Galilee, Virginia Beach

May 30 at St. Thomas, Chesapeake

Specialized Safe Church Training (for vestries, church staff, ministry leaders, among others)

June 13 at Emmanuel, Virginia Beach

Universal Safe Church Training (for keyholders, Sunday School teachers, among others)

April 15 at St. Paul's, Petersburg

Vestry Training Days (highly recommended for all clergy and vestry members)

April 25 at Ascension, Norfolk



April 2026
Childrens Sunday School

April 5th: Matthew 28: 11-15

Jesus Has Risen

Easter Sunday

Debbie/Josie

April 12th: Matthew 28: 11-15

The Guards Report

2nd Sunday after Easter

Debbie/Carys

April 19th: Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

3rd Sunday after Easter

Debbie/Sam-Brody Acolytes

April 26th: Acts 1:12-26

Matthias chosen to replace Judas

4th Sunday after Easter

Wendy/Amanda

***March 30-April 3rd Holy Week

*** April 2nd- Maundy Thursday , 3rd-Good Friday

*** 4th-Holy Saturday -reflection time while Jesus Rests





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY Seder - 5:30—6:00 Potluck - 6:00—6:45 Tenebrae - 7:00	3 GOOD FRIDAY Rite I Service - 12:00 P.M. The Way of the Cross— 6:00 P.M.	4 HOLY SATURDAY
5 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY Easter Egg Hunt after services.	6 Office and Day School Closed	7 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00 A.M. Office and Day School Closed AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	8 Office and Day School Closed	9 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M. Day School Closed	10 Day School Closed	11
12 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 2 nd Sunday of Easter Vestry Meeting	13 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M. Day School Board Meeting - 6:00 P.M.	14 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	15	16 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	17	18
19 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 3 rd Sunday of Easter	20	21 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	22	23 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	24	25
26 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 4 th Sunday of Easter	27	28 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	29	30 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.		

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

APRIL 5 -

Acolyte: Eric Evans, Bronwyn & Carys Shreve, Nancy Comfort

Ushers: Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve

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

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

Altar Guild: Vel Shreve, Josie Jimeno, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Easter Lilies



APRIL 12 -

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

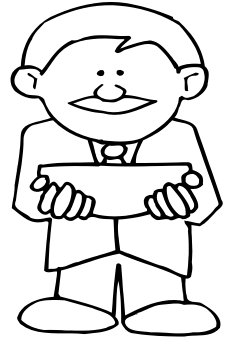
Ushers: Vicky Martin, Jim Jimeno

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Jeffrey Pfeifer

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

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Easter Lilies



APRIL 19-

Acolyte: Judy Eller

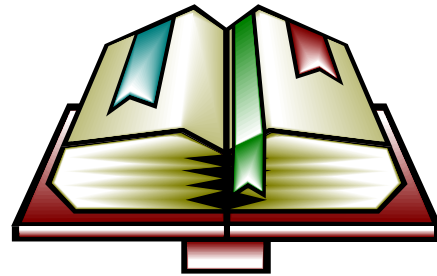
Ushers: Susan Sigler, Steve Kakol

Lector: 8:00-Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Larry Shreve

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild: Josie Jimeno, Judy Eller

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



APRIL 26-

Acolyte: Nancy Comfort

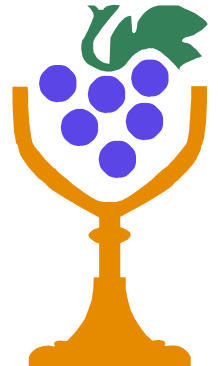
Ushers: Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno

Lector: 8:00-Jeffrey Pfeifer; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

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

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Dot Pierce



Cursillo was a gift to you, can you share it with others? Advent, Christmas and Lent are all about giving. The Father gave the most precious gift of all, his son, and our path to eternal life. For many, Cursillo was a gift. Well beyond the economic benefit of a sponsor's donation of fees, the Cursillo gift was wrapped in God's love -- in our table groups, talks, music and the kindness of Palanca. As you reflect on gifts given and received this past Christmas, consider the precious gift of Cursillo. We honor the giver by showing and sharing our gift. As we look ahead to the new year, let us all cherish the gift of Cursillo, and consider who to bless with it. People waiting to be gifted include potential candidates, and Cursillistas that would be blessed to be invited more fully into the Fourth Day. Contact our Lay Director or any member of the Secretariat at <https://www.cursillodiosova.org/about> if you have any questions.

Our next Cursillo weekend will be May 14-17, 2026 at Chanco on the James. Allen Cersely is the Lay Rector. Applications are being accepted for team and candidates.

The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend:

Key elements of the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry are relationship, evangelism, and reconciliation in the home, the parish, the community, and the world.

We bring together a diverse group of people to share the richness of many modes of worship and broaden our appreciation for our Church. Lay people conduct the Weekend with two or three clergy members as spiritual advisors. Cursillo presumes that those who attend a Weekend are already well grounded in the faith. It isn't intended to be a conversion experience but an enriching and deepening of what is already there. Often, Cursillo provides new insights into our faith and fosters ministry among lay people.*

APRIL

happy
birthday

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

APRIL

Roland Midgette	4th
Samantha Whitehorne	9th
Abigail Sigler	11th
Tony Fry	11th
Larry Laine	13th
Allan Monette	19th
Haley Glaeser	23rd
Jeannine Hunter	25th
Corrin King	28th
Kimberly Truxell	29th

No anniversaries this month.

If we missed your special date, we apologize. Please contact the office so we can update our records: call 757-466-9392 or email laura@stpeters-norfolk.org.

If you'd like to donate flowers in memory, celebration, or thanksgiving for someone or something special, please place your order on our website.

Ordering online helps prevent errors and allows our Flower Guild to thoughtfully personalize each arrangement.

The suggested donation is \$50 for a Sunday, or \$25 per person when sharing a date.



The deadline for articles in 'The Call' is the fifteenth of each month.

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

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, Michael, Matt, David, Mario, Kyle, Frank, Courtney,
Chris, Chloe, Allan, Roger, Caleb, Josh



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

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 - Kimberly Truxell ('27)

Jr. Warden - Bruce Comfort ('27)

**Charlotte Corbett ('26), Vel Shreve ('26),
Charlie Pfeifer ('26), Nancy Comfort ('27)**

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.

BJ Neaves	Karen Kakol	Joan Snyder
Niko Miyashiro	Lois Deloatche	Haley G.
Jessica T.	Patsi Walton	Mary Johnston
Wanda Smith	Kathy Vanderslice	Edward Klaus III
Mary Robson	Robyn Klaus	Sarah Kakol
Charlotte Corbett	Sharon Dashiell	Howard Belote
Susan Sigler	Eddie Klaus II	Mitchell Bentley
Nancy Davis	Dot Pierce	Joyce Caldwell
Mary Horkey	Josie C	Megan C
Val Powell	Debbie Hollister	Joan Crowther
Denise McCue	Bert Truxell	Barbara LaDue
Karleen Smith	Dianne McKnight	Bob Alford
Christine Alexander	Krista Itzen	Pam Standish
Yvonne Authement	Joan Wilson	Bill Naylor
Foster Spruill		

Eddie & Lisa Stanfield

Paul & Lee Nelson

Bruce & Nancy Comfort

Teresa & McKinley Kerns

Leslie & Charlie Pereira

Debbie & Kenny

Steve & Betty Jane Baxter

Myles & Family

Jodi & Sean McGinty

Sarver Family

Mary & Larry Laine

Dee & Glen Smith

Wade & Karen Freidt

Sheila & Tom Lambert

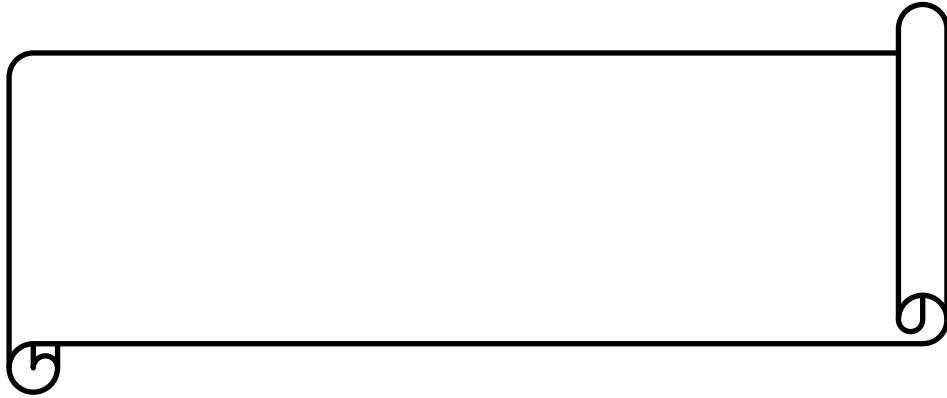
Evans Family

Tark & Carol Tarkington

Wayne & Loretta Radford

Janet & Bob Chauncey

Rodger & Barbara Bowser



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“THE CALL”

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

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Organized in 1885, St. Peter's Church laid its cornerstone on October 5, 1886—a historical building that still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk, VA.

Worship at our current site began on Christmas Eve 1959 in the parish hall, and the present structures were completed in 1965.

