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From the Vestry— A Reflection



As I write this, we have recently returned from attending and celebrating our granddaughter's wedding. A beautiful venue at Twin Lake's Virginia State Park. We were greeted on the lake's shore by a bald eagle sitting above us as if attending this wedding. A reminder that God was certainly present in our God given surroundings, a beautiful service with many family and friends.

As we continue our search for a parish priest, we are thankful for our supply priests who have enriched our Sunday services. Through faith, obedience and trust we wait with diligence, with much prayer to trust this growth process reminding us that the harvest comes in His perfect timing.

Now let's talk OCTOBER which has a way of reminding us that God is always doing something new as we begin to return from summer vacations to our church year. The air shifts, the colors deepen, and creation quietly turns the page. In that same spirit, our parish family steps into this month with gratitude and anticipation as our ministries begin to take root among us this fall.

There's something sacred about beginnings. They carry hope, possibility, and the gentle whisper that God is still shaping and planting us. Each ministry—whether focused on prayer, service, fellowship, or learning—offers another doorway for God to speak to our hearts and souls. These aren't just programs; they're invitations. Invitations to grow, to serve, to listen, and to discover how God is calling us in this season.

As these ministries launch this fall, we celebrate the courage of those who felt the Spirit's nudge to start something new and for those who continue. We celebrate all our ministries from Acts of Kindness, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Bible Study (Thursday), Flower Guild, Ladie's Luncheon, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), Lectors, Men's Breakfast, Outreach, Office Administrator, our Organist, Summer Movie Nights, Nursery, Sunday School Leaders, Ushers, and Vestry, all our members who said yes. And we celebrate the ways God will use these efforts to bless our congregation, our Day School and our community.

October teaches us that change can be beautiful. Leaves fall, but new life is already preparing beneath the surface. In the same

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The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe

Diocesan Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

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Parish Administrator:

Laura Kallestad

Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

Treasurer:

Charlie Pfeifer

way, these ministries are seeds—planted in faith, nurtured by prayer, and entrusted in God's timing. Commitment Sunday is November 1st and you should have received your commitment card by this posting. If you have not received the letter for Commitment Sunday, please call the church office. Your pledge helps us plan a budget and our events for the year 2027. Please prayerfully consider your gift to St. Peter's for the 2027 year. We hope you'll be able to join us for the breakfast provided by the Vestry after the 10:00 am service.

May this month be one of holy expectations. May we notice God's nearness in every fall foliage of browns, golden tans, and reds, in our gathering, in every act of service, and every shared prayer. And may we step forward together, trusting that the One who begins good work in us will carry it forward with grace.

*Blessings,
Nancy Comfort*



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 a 12:30 pm lunch on October 12th at Baker's Crust—Greenbrier, 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/m.jlc@cox.net.

The Altar Guild Ministry is still in need of additional help. We will welcome both women or men to join this ministry. You will be fully trained and work with an experienced member. 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 applying for this critical ministry job today! If you would like to hear more about our responsibilities please contact Millie Coward 757-469-5887/m.jlc@cox.net or speak with any member of our team: Charlotte Corbett, Judy Eller, Josie Jimeno, Hilda Monte, Ashley Pierce, Vel Shreve and our newest member Alma Kelley. I would like to give a shout out to these altar angels that work hard to see the altar is cared for and presented beautifully for every occasion. Thank you ladies.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry took a summer break from meetings but not from Knitting, looming and crocheting. Over the summer we furnished 7 head bands, 19 pocket prayer shawls, 1 prayer shawl, 5 dish cloths, 23 booties, 10 adult hats, 6 children's hats and 24 breast prosthesis for several different organizations. Our membership is small but we work hard to furnish these items to those in need. Please consider joining us on October 6th at 10:00 A.M. in the Dittenbach Library not only to share your talents but for fellowship as well. 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. For more specifics please contact Millie Coward, (757) 469-5887/ m.jlc@cox.net. If you know of an organization that would benefit from our talents with please let me know. I'll be glad to contact them.



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: • Helping to run our Facebook Page and sharing on social media • Posting or distributing flyers • 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 consists of six members: Yvonne Authement, Liz Kress, Bob Vanderslice, Patsi Walton, Debbie Whitehorne and Vel Shreve.

We are still actively searching for a new rector for our parish. It is not unusual for the search process to take this long. Please be patient and supportive and keep us in your prayers. We will continue to keep you informed of our progress in The Call and Sunday bulletin.



Outreach

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

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 Local Diocesan Activities

Racial Healing Workshop, Emmanuel Va.Beach—Nov. 14

TIME

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

ABOUT

Reflect on our experiences with race and its impact and recommit to the holy, life-long journey of racial healing in ourselves and the world.

While we encourage all to take this workshop, there are specific individuals and groups within our diocese who are required to complete it. Those individuals and groups include search committees, vestries and leadership boards (Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Executive Board, among others), diocesan staff, church staff, and clergy.

This is a day-long, in-person workshop. Lunch will be provided.

In Person Specialized Safe Church Training - Eastern Shore Chapel, Oct. 31 - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

ABOUT

This is a day-long, in-person Specialized Safe Church Training Workshop at Church of the Epiphany in Norfolk. Lunch will be provided

Discover the Ministry of the Verger

Saturday, October 24, 12-1:30 p.m. | Christ & St. Luke's

A free introductory workshop open to all in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

EYC Fall Weekend

November 6-8, 2026 | Chanco on the James

Save the date for the Episcopal Youth Community Fall Weekend!

ULTREYA!

Come join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, prayer, music, and praise as we gather to celebrate the love of God in our lives.

Our Ultreya will include prayer, inspiring witness testimony, joyful song, and praise as we come together to encourage one another in our faith journey.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Whether you are familiar with Cursillo, curious to learn more, or simply would like to experience an evening of music and praise of our Lord, we invite you to join us.

☐ Friday, October 16th

☐ 7:00 P.M.

☐ At St. Peter's

Come as you are, bring a friend, and share in the joy of Christian fellowship!

Ultreya! — Onward in faith!

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://](https://www.cursillodiosova.org/about)

www.cursillodiosova.org/about if you have any questions.

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 ⁶ fosters ministry among lay people.*

*National Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Website

October

NATIONAL
INDIGENOUS
HISTORY MONTH



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Fr. Cobb will only serve at the 8:00 A.M. service on October 4th. Bruce Comfort will lead Morning Prayer at the 10:00 A.M. service.				1 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	2	3
4* 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist—Rite I 10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer—Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	5	6 Prayer Shawl -10:00 A.M. in the library. AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	7 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	8 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	9	10
11 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 20 th Sunday after Pentecost VESTRY MEETING	12 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M. 	13 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	14 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	15 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	16 CURSILLO ULTREYA 7:00 P.M.	17
18 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 21 st Sunday after Pentecost Day School Board Meeting - 6:00 P.M.	19	20 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	21 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	22 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	23	24
25 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed. The 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	26	27 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	28 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	29 Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	30	31 

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

OCTOBER 4 -

Acolyte: Eric Evans

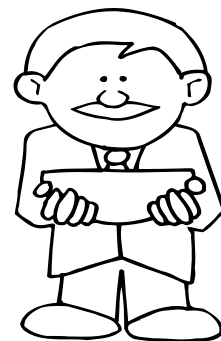
Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

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

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, Worship Leader 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Vel Shreve

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort



OCTOBER 11-

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

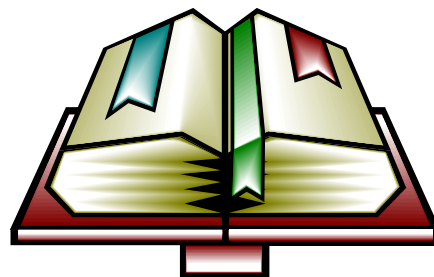
Ushers: Steve Kakol, Susan Sigler

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler; 10:00 - Linsey Shreve

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

Guild: Josie Jimeno, Charlotte Corbett

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



OCTOBER 18-

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey LEM:

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

Altar Guild: Judy Eller, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Jessica Trochanowski



OCTOBER 25-

Acolyte: Nancy Comfort, Brody Whitehorne

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Steve Kakol

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

8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell Altar Guild:

Hilda Monte, Ashley Pierce

Flower Guild: Hilda Monte





Jacob Pickurel	3rd
Tami Walton	4th
Peggy Pfeifer	6th
Gary Jones	6th
Caden Nash	10th
Jeffrey Pfeifer	12th
Jim Jimeno	12th
Ava Keller	17th
Hannah Trubell	18th
Christine Truxell	23rd
Scott Rennick	24th
Charlotte Corbett	25th
Jacob Shreve	25th
Sierra King	25th
Lydia Daniels	28th

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

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

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	Foster Spruill
Niko Miyashiro	Lois Deloatche	Haley G.
Jessica T.	Patsi Walton	Mary Johnston
Wanda Smith	Kathy Vanderslice	Mary Robson
Robyn Klaus	Edward Klaus III	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	Joan Crowther	Mike Jones
Denise McCue	Bert Truxell	Barbara LaDue
Dianne McKnight	Christine Alexander	Bob Alford
Krista Itzen	Yvonne Authement	Pam Standish
Joan Wilson	Barbara Bowser	Bill Naylor
Easton Young	Lisa Stanfield	Elaine Copeland
Francis Williams	Leslie Nelson	

Debbie H. & Alf Flowers	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
Hunter/Chapman Families	



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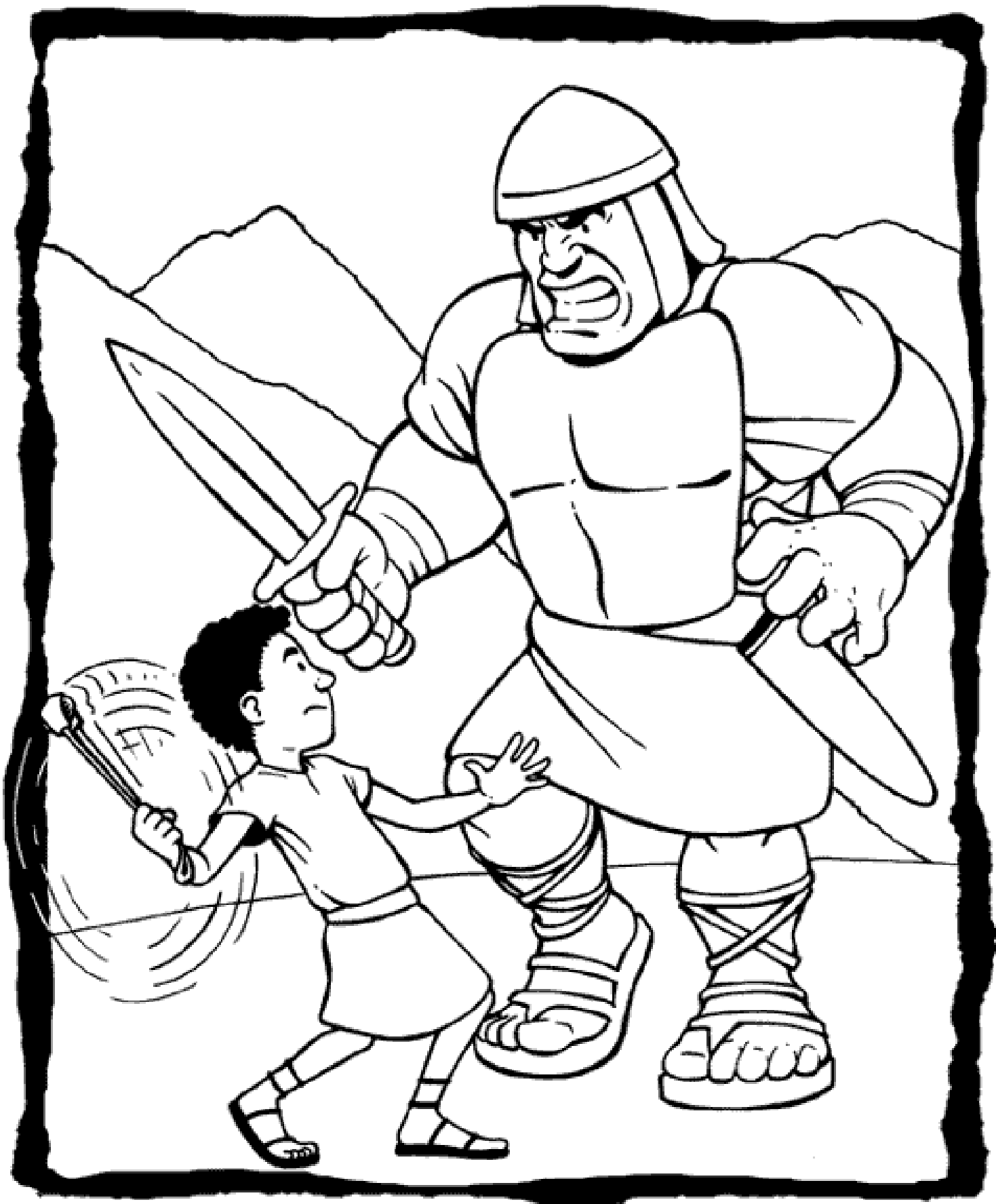
October 4 Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement
“David & Goliath” 1st Samuel

October 11 Debbie Whitehorne, Josie Jimeno
“The Story of Lydia” Acts 16

October 18 Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement
“The Battle of Jericho” Joshua 6

October 25 Wendy Glaeser, Yvonne Authement
“Elijah and the Widow” 1st Kings

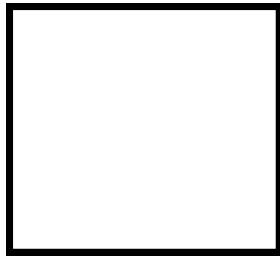
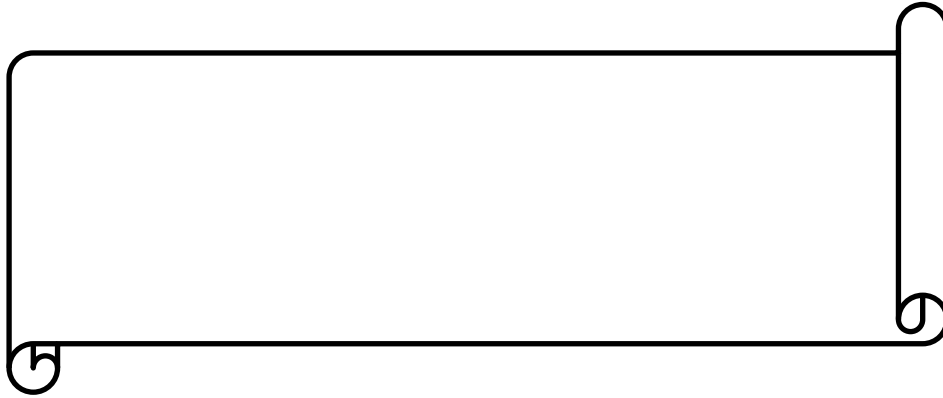




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David & Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-58



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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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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.

