



THE WEEKLY WORD – JULY 15, 2026
7TH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

St. George's Mission
Committed Christians
providing hope, help, and hospitality
in Northern Newport News

Join us at St. George's on Sunday July 19th at 10:30am
For Holy Eucharist II

Servers for Sun. July 19th
AV/Sound: David Adams
Greeter & Usher:
Lector 2: Lisa Adams

Open: Sarah Thurmond
Coffee Hour: Lisa Adams
Lector 1: Bonnie Dodson
Close: Lisa Adams

Peninsula Ministry Partnership (St. Augustine's, St. George's, and St. Mark's)

Sharing our Ministry Together

Thursday Bible Study this Thursday, July 23rd

Held 7-8 pm; new attendees welcome! Material used is published on the Episcopal website written by church teachers, organized by liturgical occasion & church season.

Join the Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84370729616?pwd=M2JoVGw1bVpEMFBFTk55QWphN2RPdz09>

Grace Expectations: What's God Been Up to Lately? – Introducing A New PMP Series

The Senior Wardens and I are excited to launch a new feature in our church communications – “Grace Expectations: What’s God Been Up to Lately?” – our stories of encountering God in the everyday thrum of our lives. We know God’s there with us now. Jesus said, “Remember I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt 28:20)

Inspired by a text that Andy Marshall sent out about an unexpected opportunity to share in St. Mark’s ministry of providing Hampton Roads Transit vouchers to folks in need (which was proving to be more challenging in practice than anticipated – see our very first story, below), we would like to start sharing such stories of God sightings across the PMP.

Short or a few paragraphs, like Andy’s, below; anonymous or signed (but they should include the name of your church); **would you be willing to share with us where you have seen a sign - or signs - of God’s presence in your life?** If you will, please write it your story and email it to Dana VanVliet-Pullin at stgeorges.nn@gmail.com.

Why are we asking for this? Lots of reasons, actually. When we share our faith stories, we deepen our faith in the telling, and readers are inspired and grow spiritually in the reading. Shared with the other PMP churches, we build bridges of faith across the Partnership, and so together build bonds across the Body of Christ. And we also begin to capture and to document the story of the relationship of God to God’s people in the Peninsula Ministry Partnership.

Now, for some of us, this might feel uncomfortable. The truth is that when we become just a shade braver (to borrow a phrase from Dr. Catherine Meeks) in our faith journey, we grow in faith. Our love of God, our trust in God, grows. What’s more, Bishop Susan’s vision for our church calls us to just this kind of work. On the home page of our Diocesan website, we find as part of her vision for every member of the church: “We will commit to develop and promote a model of evangelism that empowers us *to tell our faith stories with the kind of ease and conviction* that will attract people to our way.” When we practice among ourselves, it becomes a little easier to share with folks outside the church.

Won’t you please share how you’re seeing God in your life? Your stories can be little moments or life-changing ones. We’d really love to hear about it. And I believe that this will be pleasing to God, too. A few weeks ago in church we heard Jesus say: “What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.” (Mt 10:27) This is surely one way we can be a blessing to each other, which ripples ever outward.

With you on the journey,

Charlie +

Grace Expectations: What's God Been Up to Lately?

God Makes Connections

Andrew Marshall, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Hampton

Upon picking up our batch of 2026-2027 GoPass365s from Hampton Roads Transit in Norfolk, I met an amazing, kind, humorous gentleman named Myron who'd been chatting with the lady behind the glass-enclosed reception desk.

We got to talking, and I perceived that he appeared to be a man of faith. I asked if he had transportation, and he said no. I asked how he got around, and he said, the bus. Of course he did...and if God was trying to get my attention, green lights #1 and #2 were lit.

Since I had to wait for the passes to be brought to the main floor of HRT, I invited him to sit down, and I asked him if he had a place to stay. Again, he said no. (Green light #3.) When I asked him if he'd worked with any local service organizations, he scoffed and said they aren't able to offer any help. So I retrieved one of our "little cards" to share with him, encouraging him to call our church cell number so that we might be able to connect him with some resources - even though we're on the Peninsula. He seemed grateful.

An employee brought out our stack of 50 passes, and knowing that Myron had a photo ID (required for a GoPass, and green light #4), I offered him one. I asked that he please contact us so we could have him sign an agreement, which we use so people understand we're asking them not to abuse the passes. He rolled his eyes as if to say, "perish the thought!" Which, for me, was green light #5, and plenty enough convincing that I was as aligned with God's will as I could be.

We hugged, off he went, and if I never see him again, I took this as God's assurance that this is a ministry he wants us to continue, and that he wants people who have things to help people who don't.

May we all be counted among those people!

Love, Andy

Signs of Life

Rev. Charlie has asked each of the churches within the PMP to share accomplishments, signs of new life, enthusiasm, and engagement. So, we're asking for your help - if you see something that we can all learn from and celebrate, please let one of us (Rev. Charlie, Lisa, Gerry or Dana) know. Successes - and they're coming - will breed more success and will encourage each of us on this journey together.

International Food Festival with a Flare was a Great Success!

Members of the Peninsula Ministry Partnership, St. Andrew's, Christ the King, and St. Cyprian Episcopal Church family and friends descended upon St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on Saturday, July 11, for an afternoon of international food and drink, bingo, sip & paint, a 50/50 raffle (won by Michele Sydney) and a contest to select the finest homeland attire (won by Mrs. Bettye Collins). The parish hall and the parking lot were filled to capacity.

Congratulations to the fundraiser committee, led by Phyllis Mather, on a hugely successful fundraiser. Your hard work and dedication have clearly paid off, and the funds raised will make a massive difference. Every one of you contributed to this incredible event. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to the cause.



Kathy Quinley from St. Mark's asks for your help

She wants to know if one of our members is willing to volunteer the use of their home for the September 19th Bethany service. Bethany is simply a less formal communion service that is held at an individual's home rather than the church. It is always followed by a potluck meal. If your home is large enough to host 10 to 15 people and you are willing, please contact Kathy, who will coordinate everything, at 757- 256-4670.

Invitation to Compline with St. Mark's

On Wednesday evenings at 7pm, St. Mark's hosts a service of healing prayers, followed by either traditional Compline or New Zealand Night Prayers. This usually takes no more than 20 minutes.

They would love to have other members of the PMP join them. It's presently hosted on the St. Mark's Zoom channel (info is below or click the Zoom icon at the bottom of www.smechampton.org).

Join Zoom Meeting

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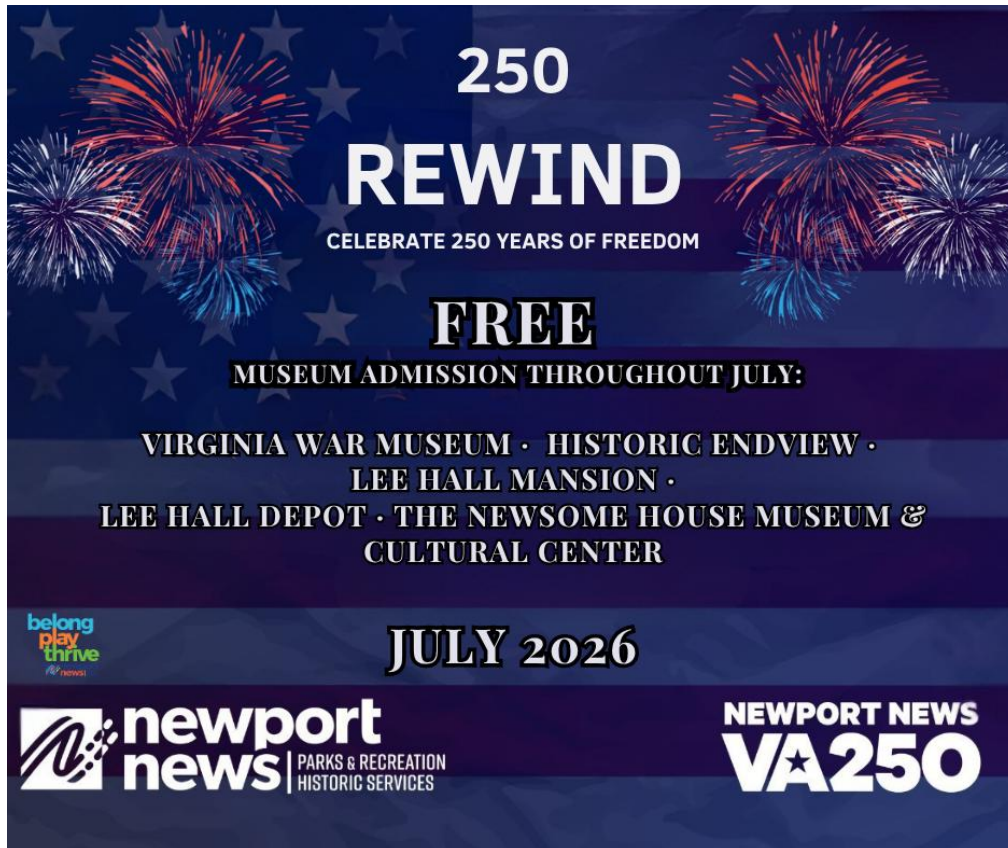
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Tidewater Area Musicians Hall of Fame Gala

On Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 7:00 pm, Roscoe Redcross, St. Augustine's organist, will be one of twelve musicians inducted into the Inaugural Hall of Fame by NANM (National Association of Negro Musicians), which was founded in 1919. NANM is the oldest organization in the United States dedicated to the preservation, encouragement and advocacy of all genres of African-American music. The national convention begins on July 18 and ends on July 23. It will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriot and its theme is: "The Rhythm of Resilience: Amplifying Legacy, Inspiring the Future". TAM (Tidewater Area Musicians) is the local chapter hosting this event. A special tribute will also honor the late Robert (Bob) Ransom, trumpeter and educator.

Information regarding tickets is forthcoming. Learn more at www.nanm.org.



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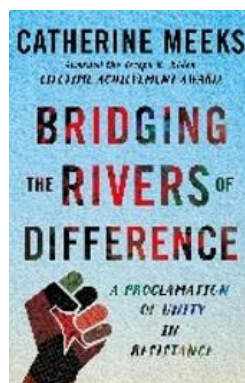
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ACT FAST • Move to a cooler area • Loosen clothing • Sip cool water • Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve	ACT FAST CALL 911 • Move person to a cooler area • Loosen clothing and remove extra layers • Cool with water or ice
Dizziness Thirst Heavy Sweating Nausea Weakness	Confusion Dizziness Becomes Unconscious
<i>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</i>	<i>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</i>

Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!

Bridging the Rivers of Difference: A Proclamation of Unity in Resistance — Zoom Summer Book Study



Join Canons Farlin and Foster for a three-part Zoom book study exploring Catherine Meeks's newly released book, *Bridging the Rivers of Difference: A Proclamation of Unity in Resistance*. Together, participants will reflect on themes of unity, justice, and faithful engagement across differences.

The group meets on **Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. continuing July 13 and July 27.**

[Registration is required.](#) A Zoom link will be emailed to all registered participants.

Conversation with Dr. Catherine Meeks | July 28 at 6:30 p.m.



The Repairers of the Breach invite you to a special Zoom conversation with Dr. Catherine Meeks on Tuesday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. as she discusses her new book, *Bridging the Rivers of Difference: A Proclamation of Unity in Resistance*.

A respected author, teacher, and leader in racial healing and reconciliation, Dr. Meeks challenges readers to consider how deeper understanding and expanded perspectives can help bridge divides and foster meaningful change. As she writes, "Healing requires one to have a new way to see."

Join us as we explore themes of unity, healing, and faithful engagement in a time of polarization and division.

Registration is required.

Interested in learning more about the book before the event? [Read a recent review in Forbes magazine.](#)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Congregations throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia are invited to join in a new Weekly Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. It is Bishop Susan's prayer that this resource helps connect our diocese more closely together in prayer, service and community. Organized from July 2026 through June 2027, the cycle lifts up congregations, ministries, and communities, while also remembering particular concerns and celebrations in the life of the Church and the world. Each week includes prayers for congregations across the Diocese alongside prayers for ministries and people who serve our communities. Last Sunday we started to include these petitions as part of the Prayers of the People. Through this shared rhythm of prayer, we are reminded that though separated by geography, we are united in Christ and bound together in common mission. The diocesan cycle of prayer and other prayer resources are available on the [diocesan website here](#).

Week of July 19th In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for Christ, Eastville and Hungars Cure, Bridgetown; for single parent homes and childcare centers, for the safety of all children while they are out of school.

St. George's Prayer List

*Deania, Teresa & Steve S., Davidsinia, Christina M., Richard, Linell, Henrietta, Lacy, Wil, David G, Skip J., Darlene M., Gale, Sandra, Serena, Gerald, Joan M., Carmen, Jennifer H., Bobby, Gwen, Candace, Urith, Janette, Phyllis M., Calvin, Richard and Ronda T., Mary S., Pamela E., Bill B., Leslie T., Brian M., Connie, Billy, Celestina, Thelma, Aimee S., Mark, Yvette, Connie H, Sarah, and Alyscia. **And Our Military:** Eduardo, Joe, Ashley, Charles, Anthony, Nyla, and Dominique.*

Readings for July 19th

The First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Psalm 86:11-17

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

The Epistle

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing

witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Gospel Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"