

The Keys

St. Peter's Parish Church

August - September 2012

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From the Rector's Desk

By the time you read this General Convention 77 will have concluded. In the middle of GC, I became aware of a new ad from Virginia Seminary that said, in so many words, that VTS was "not the left church, not the right church, but the whole church." Yet from reading Center Aisle, the Diocese of Virginia's fine daily GC news broadside, it is clear that the right side of the church is no longer welcome or needed, and their voices will not be heard.

Using the Rev'd John Ohmer's excellent summary of General Convention's proceedings, we see the evidence of that. We (meaning The Episcopal Church – TEC) declined to sign on to the Anglican Covenant, preferring instead to go our own "progressive" way. GC passed a resolution "that will give clergy resources [not] currently found in the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER or the BOOK OF OCCASIONAL SERVICES for the 'witnessing and blessing of a lifelong covenant in a same-sex relationship.'" Thankfully, the resolution also contains specific language saying that no clergy person must use those materials if it goes against his/her beliefs. Further, although they didn't quite cross the line, they came very close to endorsing "open communion," meaning communion of the unbaptized. What they did authorize was "pastoral sensitivity" in particular circumstances. Personally, I don't need their permission to exercise "pastoral sensitivity."

Ohmer also notes that "CCC: Connections, Corporate Worship, and Communications" are important. Part of what he says is this: "The daily corporate worship brings in all kinds of diversity in language and style." In the face of research that says one of the things that draws people to an Episcopal congregation is the beauty of the liturgy found in the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, liturgy that can be learned by heart, words that become comfortable, why is there a need to constantly strive for innovation in liturgy? I confess that at the last several Diocesan services I've been to I have felt like a visitor. We generally don't use the NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK or ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP at St. Peter's, and those liturgies are strange and unfamiliar, at least to me. I can't remember ever – not once – going to a Diocesan service that used Rite I. At St. Peter's, we don't even use the "contemporary" Lord's Prayer, although we might do that later on this season. Even the Prayer Book liturgy now seems to be "modifiable" at will; instead of "Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever" it's common to hear "Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever." I must have missed the class in seminary that said you could change the words to suit your own sensibilities.

But I am heartened by the Very Rev'd Dr. David Cox's "Guest Opinion" in Center Aisle #8. David is in Lexington, I believe, and was a delegate to GC from Southwestern Virginia. He was also the interim at Emmanuel Church, Brook Hill, Richmond after the Rev'd Dr. E. Allen Coffey and I left. I want to end by quoting him at length, since it is my hope to end on a more positive note than I began. Here's what he says:

This General Convention has conscientiously sought to include a diversity of persons. We have elected women, LGBT, racial and other minority candidates ... We have made motions and passed resolutions seeking to deepen this diversity throughout our church. As well we should.

But has a different diversity been neglected – a diversity of perspective? In Tuesday's House of Deputies motion to ensure diversity on the structure Task Force ... no mention was made of the variety of experiences and outlooks on which the Task Force all will depend: of large parish/medium parish/small parish or diocese; of province or region; of clergy and laity; of Anglo-Catholic/Evangelical/Liberal; of conservative/progressive/in-between; of urban/suburban/town/rural ...

It may be a diversity which is less obvious, but [is] no less needed, if our Church and its councils will truly be diverse – and effective.

I hope our Church – and our Diocese – is listening.

Faithfully,

Paul †

Wardens' Corner

As St. Peter's Webmaster, I represented our church at a communications conference presented by our Diocese. I found it very informative and filled with ideas for making our website more robust. However, the most important take-away from this for me was that we needed to form a communications team with the goal of assuring clear and coherent messaging within our church family. In an era of electronic and instantaneous communications, I realized that we needed to upgrade some of our messaging techniques and strategies.

In 2011, we formed a communications team. Currently, that team consists of our Rector, Parish Administrator/ THE KEYS Editor, Webmaster, E-mail Coordinator, and former THE KEYS Co-editor. We meet quarterly to discuss strategies and tactics for improving our church communications. To achieve this goal we implemented a number of improvements in our messaging techniques.

We implemented an e-mail management tool that has resulted in a consistent look and feel for all of our e-mails, allowing you to subscribe by adding yourself to our e-mail list. Additionally, we created a weekly e-mail called, THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE, which keeps us updated on the more recent events and news of the parish. We went "green" with our monthly newsletter, THE KEYS, and made it available online, dramatically reducing production costs. We also reduced its frequency from monthly to bi-monthly. If you are not receiving these publications or e-mails, please go to our website homepage (www.stpetersnewkent.org) and add yourself to our e-mail list by clicking on "Join Our Email List" and following the directions.

We added an online donation feature to our website which allows you to make one-time or recurring contributions to St. Peter's using your debit/credit card. Fr. Paul has also recently started an online Blog to share his thoughts on various topics. You can find a link to this as well on our website homepage.

It is important that as a parish family we are informed and share information. These improvements will provide parishioners with a more complete and concise summary of parish activities than ever before.

Our communications team is always open to suggestions, so please contact any member of our communications team or Vestry with your comments or suggestions. Please let us know how we can do a better job of keeping you informed.

Yours in Christ,

Rod Molina

Note of Gratitude



Thanks to my extended St. Peter's family for their thoughts and well-wishes during my recent illness. I appreciate being in your thoughts and prayers.

~ Lee Tyson and family



St. Peter's Parish Church

The Very Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, *rector*
Sherri W. Hardiman, *parish administrator*
Samuel G. Bruce, *organist and choirmaster*
Stuart R. Burnett, *clerk & treasurer*
Mark P. Whidden, *assistant treasurer*
Susan E. Cheyne, *verger*
Ann O. Bradshaw, *register*

The Vestry

Rod Molina, *senior warden*
Tony Wood, *junior warden*

Class of 2013

Padgette Evelyn (932.3289)
Nancy Goodman (932.3609)
Rod Molina (932.3990)

Class of 2014

Peter Carlson (966.7251)
Karen Lange (966.2940)
Tony Wood (932.9516)

Class of 2015

Patrick Evelyn (932.9844)
Bill O'Keefe (966.7370)
Mark Whidden (203.526.0360)

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Sherri Hardiman, *Editor*
Kim McLean, *Altar Guild Chair*
Adriane Marshall, *EYC Advisor*
Carol Nelms, *Church School Superintendent*

Christian Education

Church School News

As the summer flies by, I hope this finds everyone refreshed and relaxed! Youth Sunday was an excellent way to celebrate the end of a great Church School year. Christopher, Jonathon, Wil, and Kate amazed us all with their meaningful and heartfelt homilies. The time that children are in Church School between preschool and high school seems to pass like the blink of an eye, and before you know it, you are presented with amazing young people who are ready to enter another phase of their lives. We will look for great things from this group.

September is the time for us to gear up for another Church School year. Classes will begin Sunday, September 23 at 10 am. We hope that all children will come and join us for another great year of fun, learning, and mission work!

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent

Inquirers Class in September

An Inquirers Class will be offered on Saturday, September 8, from 9 am until completion that afternoon. This class is designed for those wishing to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal church from another tradition, or are simply curious and wish to know more about the Episcopal church. The class is scheduled then because one of the Bishops will be here on September 16 for our Annual Episcopal Visitation and will confirm and/or receive at that time. There will also be at least one baptism!

If you wish to participate, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Parish House. I look forward to seeing you in class!

~ Fr. Paul



Don't forget that **SKY VBS** extends through Friday, August 3, from 9 am to 12 Noon!



Christian Education Begins September 23 for all Ages!!

Everyone is welcome to join St. Peter's Adult Education class or any of our Church School classes.

All classes meet in the Parish House between the services, at 10 am.

Please see Fr. Paul or contact the church office for more information.

~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator

Children's Choir

As a new Children's Choir year begins, we are very pleased to have established a nice rhythm with our choir.



We will continue to practice twice a month on Sundays at 10:30 am, give each child a CD of the songs, and sing four songs during the Church School year. Please note that our first practice will be Sunday, September 30 at 10:30 am. 'See you soon!'

~ Hawthorne Davis, Jennifer Ezzell,
Joyce Molina, and Carol Nelms

Outreach



Sarah's Memorial Golf Tournament

Parishioners and Friends:

With the loss of Sarah Lindsey Gupta last November, we all lost a very special and gifted person that touched the lives of everyone that knew and loved her. Sarah was very special to St. Peter's and to me. From the time we met in kindergarten until we both graduated from William and Mary, Sarah was always there offering encouragement and an infectious smile that will never be forgotten.

Sarah knew from a young age that she wanted to be a teacher and went on to obtain her teaching degree from William and Mary. Throughout her teaching career that began in our New Kent County schools, she was beloved by her students and treated each of them as her own. After she was diagnosed with adrenal cancer in April 2010, Sarah remained in great spirits and continued to teach until she became too sick to make it through the day.

To celebrate Sarah's memory, I am organizing the first annual ***Sarah's Memorial Golf Tournament*** to raise money to donate to the Sarah Lindsey Gupta Memorial Scholarship Fund that has been established at the College of William and Mary. Once endowed, a scholarship will be given each year in Sarah's memory to an aspiring teacher or someone pursuing a degree in the arts. I know Sarah would be proud that a scholarship given in her name will help someone pursue their dreams as she did hers.

The golf tournament is scheduled for **Thursday, September 13, 2012 at The Club at Viniterra**. And the best part is 100% of the money raised will go to the scholarship fund! Registration and a boxed lunch begins at 11:30 am and the shotgun start is at 1 pm. The tournament will be conducted as a captain's choice format and it will conclude at 6 pm with a dinner and awards.

Everyone is invited to participate in the event in their own special way. Sponsorships, donations, and of course, registrations to play in the tournament are all welcomed. If you are interested in supporting this important program, please contact me (804) 512-8150 or by e-mail at pevelyn@verizon.net. I hope to hear from you soon!

Patrick Evelyn

Worship



The Rt. Rev'd Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, will be visiting St. Peter's Parish Church on Sunday, September 16. There will be one service at 10 am with a social hour to follow. The Fellowship Committee will serve everyone at this very special reception.

Please come out and support Bishop Goff's visit and bring a favorite finger food to share!

Thank you!

~ The Fellowship Committee



Two Service Schedule Resumes



Regular Worship
RETURNS

Following a summer worship schedule of one service only, the regular two service worship schedule resumes September 23.

Join us for services at 8:30 am and 11 am.

As a reminder, Christian Education for all ages also resumes September 23 at 10 am.

~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator

Stewardship

The Three "L's" of Stewardship

For most of us, stewardship is synonymous with pledge drives, budgets, and capital campaigns but God wants more than our money. We are all stewards of our Christian faith and, as stewards, we cultivate our faith by nurturing a parish community whose mission is spiritual growth through outreach, both within St. Peter's and to the community beyond. In the coming months, you will see a slightly new emphasis on stewardship within St. Peter's that we will refer to as the three "L's." *"Listen, learn, and lead.."*

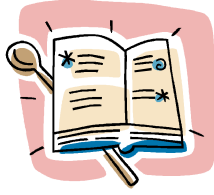
St. Peter's Stewardship Committee wants to listen to your thoughts on what makes St. Peter's important to you and what changes our parish could undertake that would improve your spiritual development. By listening, we hope to learn what makes a vital Christian community and, more importantly, what may make us a better Christian community. Only then can we lead the effort toward those objectives. Please stay tuned!

~ St. Peter's Stewardship Committee

Parish Life

Toasting Martha Washington

On June 2, the Fellowship and R&D Committees hosted a Toasting to Martha Washington, in honor of the birthday of the First First-Lady. This very successful fund-raiser was held to help defray the cost of the recent kitchen renovations in the Parish House and netted a profit of \$1,510.



Thank you to everyone who helped with decorating, preparing food and flower arrangements, supplying wine, and selling books and cookbooks. A special thank you to Stacey Wood, Joyce Peterson, Kim McLean, and Vicki Reus for their wonderful planning and organizational skills which brought the whole event together. The food, prepared from recipes from the two St. Peter's cookbooks, was wonderful; the grounds and decorations were lovely, and an enjoyable evening was had by all!

~Padgett Evelyn, Parish Life Vestry Representative

Sarah's Memorial Golf Dinner

I am helping Patrick with the Sarah Lindsey Gupta Memorial Golf Tournament. As I've said many times, I don't know much about playing golf, but I do know food! So, I'm coordinating a boxed lunch as well as a dinner for the tournament and am asking for your help. Please reference page 4 of this newsletter for detailed information about Sarah's Memorial Golf Tournament.

Dessert makers and dinner servers are needed to make this dinner a success. Late August, I will post a dessert sign-up sheet in the Parish House foyer. If you are able to help serve dinner, please contact me at 932-3609. I'm open to any and all help; if you have an idea and/or are willing to help with this effort, please don't hesitate to call me or e-mail me at beldor69@aol.com.

Many thanks!

~ Nancy Goodman

Sarah's Memorial Golf Tournament Committee

Annual Parish Picnic ~ August 5

Don't forget St. Peter's Annual Parish Picnic is coming soon! Plan to join Annie and Boogie Davis, along with their families, to their beautiful Pamunkey River home on Sunday, August 5.

The service of Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 am, with a shared lunch and afternoon of fun fellowship to follow. Everyone is asked to bring one or two dishes to share, and blankets or chairs. Plates and utensils, tea and lemonade, ice, and fried chicken will be provided.

Please bring swimsuits, sun screen, towels, and water toys. Boats and kayaks are welcome as well. Life preservers are recommended. You may want to bring coolers with ice for food left over from lunch—in case you want to stay long enough to eat again!



As a reminder, **EVERYONE'S** help is needed to take down tables, to clear trash, and other clean-up details following the day's activities. **Helping with clean-up is a great way to say thank you to the Davis family for their very generous hospitality.**

Directions to the Davis Farm are available in the Parish House foyer. Please call the church office or Padgett Evelyn (932-3289) if you have any questions. In the event of inclement weather, there will be a message on the church voice mail.

'Hope to see you on the Pamunkey!

~Padgett Evelyn, Parish Life Vestry Representative

College Addresses Requested

If your child is going away to college, please make sure St. Peter's has his/her college address. We want to keep in touch with our young adults with birthday cards, good wishes, and other correspondence.

Please contact us by phone at 932-4846 or by e-mail at stpeters.admin1@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help!

~ Sherri Hardiman, Parish Administrator and Nancy Goodman, Pastoral Care Vestry Representative



The Three "R's" of the St. Peter's Oyster Roast

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As many parishioners may know, the St. Peter's Oyster Roast event has steadily grown in scope and size for a number of years. From its beginnings, on the banks of the Pamunkey River, some 35 years ago, the Oyster Roast was established as a fall fellowship event for predominantly St. Peter's parishioners. From that point, the popularity of the Oyster Roast grew rapidly in the community and surrounding areas to the most recent events which drew crowds approaching 500 people.

Although these roasts have been resounding successes, the Oyster Roast committee identified that the events were becoming too large to manage and had grown far past its initial roots of a St. Peter's family fellowship offering.

Therefore, a consensus has been reached to **revision**, **realign** and **retool** (Three "R's") the Oyster Roast. Best of yet, I am happy to report that the event will re-emerge on October 12, 2013, as predominantly a family fellowship event with an attendance level far less than the past several years.

Yes, there will be oysters and there will be catfish! But this restructuring time will also give us the needed break to redesign an Oyster Roast that its originators envisioned as well as a fun event for the entire family.

Stay tuned for future information about the 2013 Oyster Roast. However, let us offer you one more "R" for the Oyster Roast and that is to **reserve** the date on your 2013 calendar.

Bill Lindsey and Thomas Evelyn, Oyster Roast Co-Chairs



Zach Quimby Receives Ray A. Kroc Award



Zach Quimby, one of our youth parishioners, received the *Ray A. Kroc Award* at the eighth grade commencement ceremony at New Kent Middle School. The award, named after the founder of McDonald's, is awarded to the junior high student who best exhibits the qualities of leadership, scholarship, citizenship, and sportsmanship.

He was one of several students nominated for the award and was selected by faculty at the middle school. In addition to a plaque and medal, he received a monetary award of \$100.

Zach is an acolyte at St. Peter's and has donated golf balls for the St. Peter's Annual Golf Tournament. He is also an honor student, and holds the rank of Life Scout. Zach is the son of Kim Isringhausen and Neil Quimby.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF ST. PETER'S
OUTSTANDING YOUNG PARISHIONERS!

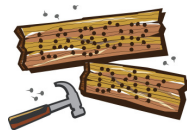
Remembering Those Serving Our Country
~ Near and Far ~

Edward Allen
Charles Bowery
Zachary Crawford
Justin Gallaher
Julio Gonzalez, Jr.
Sam Guinn
Phillip Harrell
Christopher Kopf
T. J. Lowe
Christopher Minter
Christopher Quarles
Carson Tyson
Leslie Voyta
Andrew Walker
Brent Wolfe, II



1 Corinthians 3:10-14

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward.



**IN NEED
OF PRAYER**

***We Ask Your Prayers For Those
in our parish family who are
sick:***

Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Jim Douglass, Sue Caldwell, and Norm Valor,

...and all others known and unknown.

Maria Nellie Bruce, mother of Sam Bruce;

Eric Valor, son of Norm Valor;

Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell;

Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal;

Sharon Hulsing, former parishioner;

Willie Callis, father of Mava Miles;

Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr;

Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick & Jessica Evelyn;

Barbara Felts, sister of Major Mansfield;

Tiffany Strath, friend of Kim McLean and Adriane Marshall;

Dante Plange, friend of Major Mansfield;

Wilma Pye, sister-in-law of Sally Smith;

Christa Couivoisier-Mahon, friend of Traci Carlson;

Anijah Brown, friend of Matthew's Haven;

Frederic Carlson, father of Pete Carlson;

Steve Agee, friend of Jon and Miriam Ackley;

Mary Lou Du Bois, aunt of Margy O'Keefe.

***Give them courage and hope
in their troubles and bring them
the joy of your salvation.***

Looking for the Rota?

The Rotas may be found each month on our website at www.stpetersnewkent.org. They are no longer included in THE KEYS.

Also, extra printed copies will be available in the Parish House foyer. ~ Sherri Hardiman



Birthdays

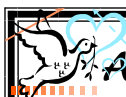


- 1 Kim von Hitritz
- 1 Cayden Davis
- 2 Tracy Rae
- 3 Cyndi Burnett
- 4 Morgan Harris
- 7 Kendall Lipscomb
- 9 Jim Noctor
- 11 Emily Clay Evelyn
- 11 Ron Eagle
- 12 Bob Carraway
- 12 Jackie Madison
- 14 Miranda Porter
- 16 Amy Patterson
- 16 Terry Porter
- 17 Carter Hatley
- 17 Erich von Hitritz
- 18 Marvin Smith
- 20 Alex Stanley
- 21 Lindsey McLean Simakahov
- 24 Laura Smith
- 25 Christine Taylor
- 26 Patty Townsend
- 27 Betty Curling
- 28 Sue Caldwell
- 28 Sally Smith
- 29 Steve von Hitritz
- 29 Jeff Smith



Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Anniversary to You!



Anniversary Blessings

August

- 8 Paul & Cynthia Rowles
- 8 John Paul & Elizabeth Remorenko
- 11 Nancy & Scott Goodman
- 15 Brian & Sandra Gellings
- 27 Peter & Traci Carlson

September

- 7 Steve & Jill Bradford



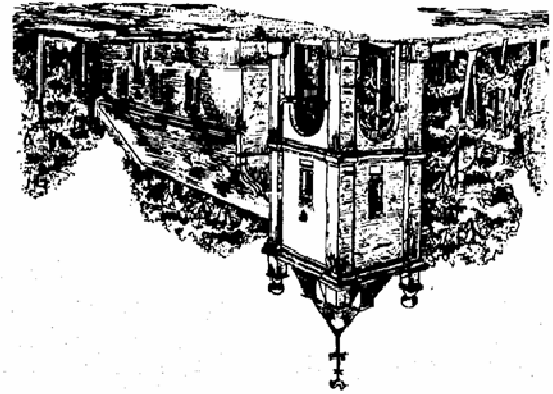
Birthdays

- 3 Zach Quimby
- 3 Annabelle Brame
- 3 Debbie Smith
- 4 Anna Stuart Burnett
- 5 Margie Harrison
- 6 Sarah Harris Detruit
- 7 Lindy Brammer
- 8 Marianne Powell
- 8 Waverly Marshall
- 8 Forrest Taylor Morrow
- 9 Nancy Goodman
- 9 Janie Philbates
- 9 Jonathon Gellings
- 9 Craig Pierce
- 11 Jeff Cimbalo
- 14 Christopher McKinney
- 14 Camden Evelyn
- 15 Corinne Dorsey
- 15 Martha Danielson
- 17 Sherry Gregory
- 17 Jim Douglass
- 17 Denise Fazio
- 19 Matt Lambert
- 22 John Townsend
- 22 Holly Finch
- 23 Gunnar Carlson
- 24 Jay Francisco
- 24 Katie Jeter
- 24 Steven Peterson
- 25 Evelyn Waring
- 25 Cynthia Rowles
- 25 Jeffrey Summers
- 26 James McCaul
- 28 Kathy Harris
- 30 Kristin Hayden



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Parish Founded 1679
Church Erected 1701



RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED

ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH
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New Kent, Virginia 23124-9633

Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

August 2012

- 1-3 VBS Continued, 9 am—12 Noon
- 5 Parish Picnic at the Davis Farm, 11 am, HE
- 12 Set up Richardson Hall for Back to School Fair
- 17 Matthew's Haven Back to School Fair,
9 am—12 Noon, Richardson Hall
- 17 Nelms/Gillette Rehearsal, 5 pm
- 18 Nelms/Gillette Wedding, 4:30 pm
- 25 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Phil von Hitritz,
Ceremony at 2 pm, Reception to Follow
No Vestry Meeting Planned for August



Parish Picnic—August 5
Restoration Sunday—September 16



October 7

September 2012

- 3 Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- 8 Inquirers Class, 9 am—1 pm
- 12 Last Day for Submissions to October/November
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- 13 Sarah's Memorial Golf Tournament at Viniterra,
11:30 am registration and boxed lunch, 1 pm start
- 16 Bishop's Visitation/Restoration Sunday at 10 am
Followed by Meal for All
- 17 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 22 Civil War Tour Group, 1:30—3 pm
- 23 Two Service Schedule Resumes (8:30 and 11 am)
Christian Education Begins at 10 am
- 28 Hatley/Cobb Rehearsal, 5 pm
- 29 Hatley/Cobb Wedding, 5 pm

October 2012

- 7 Blessing of the Animals, 5 pm
- 13 Matthew's Haven Steaks & Steeds
- 15 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 15-17 Fall Clergy Retreat
- 19 Thomas/Douglas Rehearsal, TBA
- 20 Thomas/Douglas Wedding, TBA
- 26 Evelyn/Wallace Rehearsal, 5 pm
- 27 Evelyn/Wallace Wedding, 2 pm