

# SAINT PETER'S-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS

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# ROCK CHURCH NEWS

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*“To embody Christ’s teaching in appropriate ways  
for serving the community, the nation, and the world.”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

**Sunday, January 4**

**Outreach Sunday**

**Recipient: Wood for Warmth**

**Saturday, January 10**

Phoebe Needles Center, 9:00 am

**Saturdays@Center: Dr.**

**Richard Jones**

**Sunday, January 11**

**Birthday Sunday**

Adult Sunday School, 11:15 am

**Dr. Richard Jones**

**Tuesday, January 13**

Phoebe Needles Center, 10:00 am

**Center for Lifelong Learning**

**The Annual Epiphany Party will be Friday, January 2 at 6:00 pm at the Simms’ house.** Please bring a dish to share and your favorite drinks. Please let Shannon know if you will be able to join us for this Twelfth Night party (slsimms5@aol.com).

**Outreach Report.** \$341 was collected on Outreach Sunday in December and this was spent gathering gifts to finish the Wish List shopping. The Christmas presents were delivered to the four families on Monday, December 22. The parents and the children were most appreciative of Saint Peter’s generosity. Thanks to all of you for your kindness and making the December outreach such a success!

The Saint Peter’s Outreach Fund had \$2081.90 remaining at the end of December. This was disbursed in the following manner:

**\$800 gift cards** (Each of the 4 Christmas families received a \$100 Kroger Card and a \$100 Walmart card.)

**\$500 - Helping Hands of Franklin County**

**\$341 - South Sudan child’s scholarship**

**\$440.90 - Grace House on the Mountain** (kitchen fund)

Our next Outreach Sunday is January 4, when the plate collection will be for Wood for Warmth (see page 3). Please give what you can to help support this wonderful charity.

**Congratulations to Keith Hubbard and Paul Rodgers, who were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry.** We are very grateful to Nancy Bradley and Katherine Grimes who both completed a three-year term. Danny Custer, Patricia Rushmore, Paul Simms, and Carolyn Thomas all continue to serve on the Vestry.

**The youth and children met after church the second Sunday of Advent to decide how to spend the funds set aside in the Saint Peter's operating budget to help meet the Millennium Development Goals.** With \$450 cash in hand, and after looking through the Gifts for Life catalogs from Episcopal Relief & Development, they made the following decisions:

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| 2 Flocks of Chickens          | Nurture and Nourishment for 3 youngsters     |
| 1 Goat                        | Training for Community Healthworker          |
| 1 Share of a pig              | Health Clinics for two people                |
| Clean Water for 3 individuals | Medicine Package and Training for six people |

**Special thanks to all the members of the Altar Guild who so beautifully adorned our worship space for Advent and Christmas.** Thanks to Shelby Dehart for gathering the greens; Danene Bernard who decorated the Advent wreath; Kelly Beyer who coordinated the poinsettia project, and all the rest of the Altar Guild members who prepared the special greenery, candles, window wreaths, and poinsettias.

**Special thanks to Fair Robey for all her efforts with the bell choir and other special music.** Thanks also to Berhan Grimes Whited, Hailu Grimes Whited, Tyler Grimes Whited, Benton Heck and Peter Heck, who played the bells; and to Asa Stevens for singing a solo, and Ben and Dan Hancock for their saxophone solos!

**Saturdays@Center. On January 10, The Rev. Dr. Richard J. Jones will present "Talking with My Muslim Neighbors."** Before he retired, Rev. Jones taught world religions at Virginia Theological Seminary, and was the Al-Alwani Chair of Muslim-Christian Studies in the Washington Theological Consortium. He will be coaching us for conversations that can occur in unexpected places. You are welcome to arrive at 9:30 for fellowship and coffee, and the program is from 10:00 - 3:00. Please register by noon on Monday, January 5 by calling the office at 483-1518. (See below for an important note regarding the relevance of this talk and a registration hint!)

**A message for the Adult Sunday School from Martha Perry:**

Our adult Sunday School class will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2015, continuing our study of world religions.

The Saturdays@Center program at Phoebe Needles on Saturday, January 10 will feature The Rev. Dr. Richard J. Jones who taught world religions at Virginia Theological Seminary. His address will help our class as we move into our study of Islam. I urge each of you to attend the program. If the \$25 fee is in any way an issue for you, please tell Arlet that you are attending on "scholarship" and that will take care of that, no questions asked. Please register ASAP by calling Phoebe Needles or via the Phoebe Needles website.

On Sunday, January 11, we are fortunate that Dr. Jones will be with our Sunday School class as we continue our conversation.

I hope to see you both Saturday and Sunday!

**The next program of the Center for Lifelong Learning** at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, January 13 at 10:00 am. The program will be Mountain Music with Alan Messenger and Friends. Please call the Center at 483-1518 to make a reservation by Friday, January 9.

**Wood for Warmth delivers firewood to people who need it to stay warm in the winter. As of mid-December, 132 loads had been delivered to 96 households.**

If someone wants to help, we meet at 8:00am on Saturdays at Ferguson Land and Lumber, N. Main St., Rocky Mount (across from Goodwill). Enter the business, follow the drive turning right and going to the very back of the lot. If you have never been before, give Larry Anderson a call 483-5325 H or 493-6925 C and he will have someone meet you at the entrance. We work until the loads are done which may be as early at 10:30 or as late at 12:30. If the weather is rainy/snowy check with Larry as he sometimes reschedules for better weather.

Bring work gloves and a water bottle. We can use trucks, drivers, riders who help unload, and loaders who stay at the wood lot to help. Participants must be over 18 and sign an insurance release to be on the lot.

You might see a familiar face there: Danny Custer, Dave Davis, Keith and Charlotte Hubbard, Dave Newcombe, John Heck, Jim Bier, and Todd Hancock are regular helpers. As Keith said one recent Sunday, Saint Peter's does provide the bulk of the manual labor!

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### What Is Epiphany?



Because Epiphany is primarily observed by Orthodox, Catholic, and Anglican Christians, many Protestant believers don't understand the spiritual significance behind this holiday, one of the earliest feasts of the Christian church.

Epiphany, also known as "Three Kings Day" and "Twelfth Day," is a Christian holiday commemorated on January 6. It falls on the twelfth day after Christmas, and for some denominations signals the conclusion of the twelve days of the Christmas season. Though many different cultural and denominational customs are practiced, in general, the feast celebrates the manifestation of God in the form of human flesh, through Jesus Christ, his Son.

The word *epiphany* means "manifestation" or "revelation" and is commonly linked in Western Christianity with the visit of the Wise Men (Magi) to the Christ child. Through the Magi, Christ revealed himself to the gentiles. In Eastern Christianity, Epiphany puts emphasis on the baptism of Jesus, with Christ revealing himself to the world as God's own Son. Likewise, on Epiphany some denominations commemorate Jesus' miracle of turning water into wine, signifying the manifestation of Christ's divinity as well.

The readings designated for Year B in the Revised Common Lectionary for **The Epiphany** on January 6 are: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; and Matthew 2.1-12.

## **The Epiphany Proclamation**

One Epiphany tradition is the Solemn Proclamation which is read at the Eucharist on Epiphany. Easter is on a different Sunday each year, depending on the date of the spring equinox and the full moon following it. Many important church commemorations depend on the date of Easter, like Ash Wednesday and Pentecost. In a time before printed calendars and the Internet, Epiphany was the day to proclaim, basically, the dates of that year's important feasts and holy days. *(From Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Emporia, KS)*

**Dear brothers and sisters,  
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,  
and shall ever be manifest among us,  
until the day of his return.**

**Through the rhythms of times and seasons  
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.**

**Let us recall the year's culmination,  
the Easter Triduum of the Lord:  
his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial,  
and his rising celebrated  
between the evening of the Ninth day of April  
and the evening of the Eleventh day of April,  
Easter Sunday being on the Twelfth day of April.**

**Each Easter – as on each Sunday –  
the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed  
by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.  
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.**

**Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,  
will occur on the Eighteenth day of February.**

**The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on  
Thursday, the Fourteenth day of May.**

**Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,  
will be celebrated on the Twenty-fourth day of May.**

**And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be  
on the Twenty-ninth day of November.**

**Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ  
in the feasts of the holy Mother of God,  
in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,  
and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.**

**To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Lord of time and history,  
be endless praise, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

# SAINT PETER'S-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS PRAYER LIST

## JANUARY 2015

Debra Lustig	Susan Smith	Lisa Whitlock
Sharon Bryant	Ray Bechtel	Helen Akers
Jared Rutrough	Lovell Najari	Gladys Stanger
Karen Zell	Stanley Prokopriak	The Kiser Family
Debbie Baroch	John & Hazel Pendleton	Deborah Yancy
Samantha Dieter	Claire Parker	Reva Goode
John Hayes	Bryan Strong	Diane Holliman
Kyle Swinheart	Deniece Burnette	Linda Thomas
Gary Stoneman	Hazel Hamilton	Kate & Mac McCalley
Cecile Konicki	Barry & Betty Hood	David Gumper
Robin Kirsch	Mia Walk-Hardy	Louise Richardson
Anne Garrison	Jami Stanley	Brandon Grimes-Whited
Lori Sloan & Family	Kirsten Stanley	Dennis Daniel
Katie Lusk	C. I. Dillon	

We pray for John our Rector, Mark our Bishop, and Katharine our Presiding Bishop. May their ministries be guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for those serving in the military, particularly for those who are currently deployed and serving in harm's way.

We pray for all those who were killed this week as a result of war and terrorism, and for families whose lives are being torn apart. Almighty God, whose will it is to hold both heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom: Give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.

### SPECIAL FLOWERS

On Sunday, January 4, the flowers that beautify the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harvey C. Palmer, January 28, 1927 - November 4, 2014, by Jane Sowder Palmer and family.

On Sunday, January 11, the flowers that beautify the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sondra's parents, Virginia and Raymond Hall, by Col. and Mrs. John C. Kirsch.

*If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact Rev. John Heck at [johnheck@gmail.com](mailto:johnheck@gmail.com) or 483-1518. If you would like to have the flowers on the altar in honor or memory of someone, please see a member of the Altar Guild.*

## Special Flowers, Special People

(A little something about the people who are remembered with flowers that beautify the altar.)

Harvey C. Palmer was the husband of Jane Sowder Palmer, who is the daughter of Dr. James Sowder. Dr. James Sowder was Shelby's great-uncle and started his schooling at the Phoebe Needles School. He later moved to Florida to do his doctoring but returned here often to visit. He loved here, even had a farmhouse towards Ferrum, and he was always very grateful for what the schoolteachers and folks at Phoebe Needles had done for him as a child.

Virginia and Raymond Hall were both born in Missouri (1914 and 1910); they met at a dance and eloped when Virginia was 18 and Raymond was in his last year at Georgia Tech. The Great Depression prevented Raymond from finishing college then, and when he couldn't find work anywhere close to home, a family friend told him that if he came to North Dakota and worked for the Highway Department for six months without pay, and did a good job, he might be able to be hired. Virginia and Raymond borrowed money and a car and moved themselves and Raymond's youngest sister to Bismarck, ND, where Sondra was born. When WWII came, the family moved to Akron, OH, where Raymond was part of the war effort in the rubber industry. When Firestone let go of all their engineers when the war was over, they offered Raymond the chance to go to Liberia for a year and survey the jungle for a road into and through a Firestone plantation. He had many stories from his year in the African jungle, and Sondra still has some artifacts that have survived countless moves (both her parents and hers). When he came back, he went to work for the Ohio State Highway Department and retired as Chief Engineer for the State of Ohio. Sondra's mother, Virginia, was very social and involved in her community and kept a lovely home for her family. They were active members of the Presbyterian church, and they introduced Sondra to music, her dad playing the saxophone and her mother the piano. They were good Christian role models, encouraged Sondra's academic success, and did all they could to provide her a good upbringing and education.

### A Meditation for the New Year

*There is no harm that can come to you, no matter how frail and fragile you feel, for this passing stream of light is not the measure of all you are, but only the rough canvas on which the colors of your life are forever being painted. You are not encompassed by a clock, marked off into a reality of artificial movements, but designed to be free from such constraints, able to rise up on the wings of your own imagination to see the hands behind the time. Hurt may happen, but it will never last nor have the final word in the sonnet that is your soul, for that wisdom will go on and on, speaking wonders into a future you cannot even name.*

**Bishop Steven Charleston**

## SERVICE CALENDAR – JANUARY 2015

<b>Jan</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Children's Chapel</b>
<b>4</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Matthew 2:1-12	Bob Pohlad	Katherine Grimes Charlotte Hubbard	Berhan Grimes-Whited	Patricia Rushmore Deb Durant	Hailu Grimes-Whited Peter Heck
<b>11</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	Carolyn Thomas	Bob Pohlad Carolyn Tbomas	Benton Heck	Regena Sigmon Danene Bernard Lisa Willie	Peter Heck Berhan Grimes-Whited
<b>18</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	Dave Newcombe	Christy Izard Dave Newcombe	Hailu Grimes-Whited	Kelley Beyer Christy Izard	Berhan Grimes-Whited Benton Heck
<b>25</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	Pat Newcombe	Martha Perry Deb Durant	Peter Heck	Sharon Buckman	Benton Heck Hailu Grimes-Whited
<b>Feb. 1</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	Martha Perry	Pat Newcombe Delia Heck	Berhan Grimes-Whited	Danene Bernard Lisa Willie Regena Sigmon	Hailu Grimes-Whited Peter Heck

## January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Brandon Grimes-Whited
4 Outreach Sunday Elizabeth Miller Scott Miller	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	10 Saturdays@Center
11 Birthday Sunday Estelle Jones	12	13 Center for Lifelong Learning	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

*Is your birthday incorrect or missing? Please let us know: hawleyknob@gmail.com or 365-2992.*

### Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*(Book of Common Prayer, p. 830)*

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