

# 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, October 5**

**Outreach Sunday Recipient:  
STEP Senior Meals Program**

**Tuesday, Oct. 7**

Parish Hall, 5:00-6:00 pm

**Adult Choir Practice**

**Saturday, October 11**

Phoebe Needles Center, 10:00 am

**Saturdays@Center: The  
Gospel of Mark**

**Sunday, October 12**

**Birthday Sunday  
Music with Youth**

**Tuesday, October 14**

Phoebe Needles Center, 10:00 am

**Center for Lifelong Learning**

**Sunday, November 2**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**Outreach Report.** The plate offerings on the first Sunday of each month are designated to Outreach. In September, the congregation contributed to the Ferrum Community Mission Center (also known as St. James Community Center). October’s recipient is Support to Eliminate Poverty (STEP), Senior Meals Program. Thank you for your generosity; it makes a difference in the lives of many people!

**We will have adult choir practice on Tuesday, October 7, 5:00-6:00 pm.**

**Saturdays@Center.** On Saturday, October 11, Dr. Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, professor in the Department of Religion and Culture at Virginia Tech, and a member of Christ Church, Blacksburg, will make a presentation on the Gospel of Mark. You are invited to arrive beginning at 9:30 am for coffee and refreshments. The program will begin at 10:00 am, lunch will be served at Noon, and the seminar will conclude by 3:00 pm. The cost of each program including lunch is \$25.00.

**“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!”** Beginning October 12, we will have music for young people during the Sunday school hour. On the second and fourth Sundays, the youth (older children) will practice. On the first and third Sundays, the younger children will practice. We will “come into His presence with singing,” so please plan to join us!

**The next Center for Lifelong Learning program** at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, October 14 at 10:00 am. Suzanne Ross will present “Plein Air Voices Panel Discussions.” Please call the Center at 483-1518 by Friday, October 10 at noon.

**Annual Stewardship.** In the next couple of weeks you will be receiving a letter with a proposed budget for 2015 and a pledge card. Please return your pledge card to the church in person or by mail by All Saints' Sunday (November 2). The Vestry plans to finalize the church budget at their November meeting.

**Vestry Elections.** Nancy Bradley and Katherine Grimes will complete their term of service on December 31, 2013, and we need TWO people willing to serve in their place. If you are willing to serve on the Vestry, or would like to nominate someone else, please contact a member of the current Vestry. The election of new Vestry members will take place Sunday, December 7.

**Saint Peter's Endowment Fund – "Keeping the Rock Church Solid."** The Endowment Fund receives donations every month. These donations are memorials to loved ones, donations from Birthday Sunday, and other donations. The Fund is growing! Our thanks to all who have contributed.

**Keeping Up with Our Commitment.** Please remember that Saint Peter's depends on your pledge. If you have forgotten the amount of your pledge for 2014, please contact Christy Izard at 651-8743 or izard@swva.net. Thank you for your faithful giving!

**We need volunteers to sign up for Coffee and Refreshments each Sunday.** Please check the list in the Parish Hall and add your name if you can help out one Sunday.

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**"To be ... or not to be ...."** Is that really the question? Or is it our ability to questions that defines what it means "to be" ...? Spiritual practice and scientific investigation are often seen as opposing one another, i.e., "faith versus reason," perhaps. But when faith is seen as "reasonable," and reason is informed by faith, then the two are seen not as competing answers, but rather as complementary questions ... ? Voices of Faith presents a series of conversations on "Spiritual Practice and Science: A Bridge to Compassion and Peace." Session 1 will be October 16 at 7:00 pm in the Green Drawing Room at Hollins University. **All are welcome!**

*A thought for the day submitted by Martha Perry ...*

#### DOORWAY TO MEANING

The goal of all religion is not to prepare us to enter the next life; it is a call to live now, to love now, to be now and in that way to taste what it means to be part of a life that is eternal, a love that is barrier-free and the being of a full self-conscious humanity.

That is the doorway into a universal consciousness that is part of what the word 'God' means to me. This then becomes my pathway and, I now believe, the universal pathway into the meaning of life that is eternal...

It involves stepping beyond boundaries into wholeness, beyond a limited consciousness into a universal consciousness, beyond a God who is other into a God who is all. That is the final step in this process.

In the worlds of John Hick: "Perhaps ultimately, with the fulfillment of the creative process, finite personality will have served its purpose and become one with the eternal reality, but we do not at present need to know that final future. What we need to know is how to live now."

– John Shelby Spong, *Eternal Life: A New Vision*

## Treasurer's Report

### Operating Account:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
August 2014	\$5,809.50	\$4,906.36
September 2014	\$3,675.00	\$8,033.96
Year-to-Date	\$57,262.34	\$54,877.78

### Non-Operating Account:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
August 2014	\$142.50	\$71.50
September 2014	\$77.00	\$77.00
Year-to-Date	\$2,668.50	\$2,696.20

(This account includes the coffee project, endowment fund contributions, monthly Outreach contributions and disbursements, United Thank Offering, and other non-operational categories.)

## RUMINATIONS...

*A couple of weeks ago The Rev. Dr. Richard Jones, a priest in our diocese, and retired seminary professor, asked a group of people to write a page defining their understanding of mission for something relating to the Annual Council of the Diocese in January 2015. What follows is my understanding of mission.*

In my daily work, mission is my intentional response to God's grace minute by minute every day of my life. Recognizing God's presence each day, living with an awareness of God's blessings, is what compels me to, "Go ye into all the world and proclaim the Gospel,"<sup>[1]</sup> and if necessary use words.<sup>[2]</sup> Passing on to other people a portion of what has been given me is the only response I can make as one who proclaims to follow Jesus Christ. Mission is the fruit of the seed planted in my heart at my baptism – "will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?"<sup>[3]</sup>

As the rector of a congregation, it is my hope to empower, equip, encourage, and inspire those in the congregation I serve to go and do likewise.

As a congregation, the experience of God's presence, and the recognition of our blessings are multiplied hundredfold, but our response is the same – to reach out with our time,

resources, money, talents, and our influence to give to other people a portion of what has been given to us by God.

And in the places of the world, for the needs of the world, and to the peoples of the world, that I cannot reach alone, we pool the resources of our congregation, diocese, denomination, and faith, and go forth together.

Mostly succinctly said, mission is almost anything and everything done intentionally in response to The Baptismal Covenant to honor God and love our neighbor.

May God bless you and keep you.

– John

<sup>[1]</sup> From the inscription above the stained glass window in the former Immanuel Chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary quoting Matthew 28.19.

<sup>[2]</sup> Often attributed to Saint Francis.

<sup>[3]</sup> From The Baptismal Covenant in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 305.

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

## OCTOBER 2014

John Hayes	Lovell Najari	Lisa Whitlock
April VanDusen	Stanley Prokopriak	Helen Akers
Kyle Swinheart	John & Hazel Pendleton	Loretta Mason
Tom Picone	Brandon Grimes Whited	Gladys Stanger
Gary Stoneman	Lindsay Marie Shelton	The Kiser Family
Bolling Izard	Claire Parker	Rebecca Stevens
Cecile Konicki	Bryan Strong	Deborah Yancy
Ben Golombisky	Deniece Burnette	Reva Goode
Anne Garrison	Hazel Hamilton	Diane Holliman
Lori Sloan & Family	Barry & Betty Hood	Linda Thomas
Eddie Short	Mia Walk-Hardy	Kate & Mac McCalley
Katie Lusk	Jami Stanley	David Gumpfer
Valerie Richardo	Kirsten Stanley	Louise Richardson
Susan Smith	C. I. Dillon	Ina Quinn
Ray Bechtel		

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 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.

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

### SPECIAL FLOWERS

On Sunday, October 12, the flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bertha Smith and John Milton Miller, Sr. by Dr. and Mrs. Milton Miller.

On Sunday, October 26, the flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ruth Jones by Lisa Whitlock.

*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.*

## SERVICE CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2014

<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Children's Chapel</b>
<b>5</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46		John Kirsch Deb Durant	Hailu Grimes-Whited	Deb Durant Patricia Rushmore	Berhan Grimes-Whited Benton Heck
<b>12</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Gary Holden	Pat Newcombe Katherine Grimes	Peter Heck	Regena Sigmon Lisa Willie Danene Bernard	Benton Heck Hailu Grimes-Whited
<b>19</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Carl Durant	Bob Pohlad Carolyn Thomas	Berhan Grimes-Whited	Shelby DeHart	Hailu Grimes-Whited Peter Heck
<b>26</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46	Bob Pohlad	Martha Perry Charlotte Hubbard	Benton Heck	Lisa Willie Danene Bernard Regena Sigmon	Peter Heck Berhan Grimes-Whited
<b>Nov. 2</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	Carolyn Thomas	John Kirsch Christy IZard	Hailu Grimes-Whited	Danene Bernard Regena Sigmon Lisa Willie	Berhan Grimes-Whited Benton Heck

## October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Sharon Buckman	2 Martha Perry	3 Jack Buckman	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Saturdays @Center
12 John Pendleton	13	14 Center for Lifelong Learning	15 Kelley Beyer	16 Gary Holden	17	18
19	20	21	22 John Kirsch	23 Carl Durant	24 Nancy Bradley	25
26	27	28	29	30 Carol Osborne	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)*

# THE PHOEBE NEEDLES CENTER presents ...

## Saturdays @ the Center

This fall begins a new program at the Phoebe Needles Center. Saturdays @ the Center are seminar programs designed to discuss everyday practical life issues from a faith perspective. In addition to a presentation from each speaker, there will be questions and conversation, lunch, and time for Christian fellowship, all in the beautiful surroundings of the Phoebe Needles Center.

You are invited to arrive beginning at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and refreshments. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m., lunch will be served at Noon, and the seminar will conclude by 3:00 p.m. The cost of each program including lunch is \$25.00.

Our first four programs will focus on race, the Bible, and aging. Where is the living God today in the midst of these issues and in our lives? How does our faith influence our understanding and actions? Each of our presenters for these programs are well qualified and sensitive to how our faith in God comes to bear on how we think and respond to the decisions we face each day.

Advance registration is required (on or before noon on the Monday before each program). You may pay online using PayPal, or mail a check in advance of the program along with your registration. For more information, contact the Phoebe Needles Center at 540-483-1518 or 800-848-1677. Information is also available on our web site: [www.PhoebeNeedles.org](http://www.PhoebeNeedles.org).

### October 11

**Dr. Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, professor in the Department of Religion and Culture at Virginia Tech, and a member of Christ Church, Blacksburg, will make a presentation on the Gospel of Mark.**

### November 8

The Rev. Jane Siglohis a retired Episcopal priest who has served churches in the dioceses of Connecticut and Southwestern Virginia. Jane is the author of *Like Trees Walking*, a thin volume of stories, confessions, poetry, theology, and scripture (which her editor says she treats with “irreverent awe.”) Her topic will be “Aging with Grace and Good Humor.”

### December 13

Elizabeth Foster, the newly retired Director of Christian Education at Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg, will present a program on “The Making of the Saint John’s Bible.”





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