

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Congratulations to Emily and Ben Young

on the birth of Gerald Vincent Young born on February 25, 2019. May he grown in God’s grace day by day!



The next program of the Center for Lifelong Learning at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m.

“The Phoebe Needles Mountain Band”

with David Cannaday, James Guilliams, Marvin Harlow, Alan Messenger, Gene Parker, more. Please call the Center at 483-1518 to make a reservation by Friday, April 5.

Join us at Phoebe Needles for the **3rd ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING** on Saturday April 27 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Harwell Grice Band will play before lunch, and Larry Sigmon & Martha Spencer will play after lunch. A BBQ lunch will be served at no charge. Donations will be accepted to help support our summer camp programs.

IT’S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING! Please join us on Saturday April 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to get Saint Peter’s ready for Easter inside and out. Bring your own favorite cleaning supplies. There are jobs for all ages. Contact Danny Custer with questions: 493-5333.

Mowers are needed! If you are able to help keep the church lawn mowed this summer either by bringing your own mower, or by using the mower at the church, please sign up on the calendar in the Parish Hall, or call Danny Custer at 493-5333.



2019 St. Peters Outreach Calendar

(Sunday, April 7, is outreach Sunday)

- Jan. Callaway Pack a Sack Program (donated \$170)
- Feb. Free Clinic of Franklin County (donated \$276)
- March So. Virginia Child Advocacy Center (donated \$168)
- April Ferrum Panther Pack Program
- May Stepping Stone Mission
- June Phoebe Needles Camp Scholarship
- July Helping Hands of Franklin County
- Aug. Ferrum Community Mission Center
- Sept. Heavenly Manna Food Bank
- Oct. Grace House on the Mountain
- Nov. Boys’ Home, Covington VA
- Dec. Christmas Families



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Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.

Church School: 11:15 a.m.



St. Peter's Youth Group

The St. Peter's Youth Group helping making Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 5 at the Phoebe Needles Center.



Palm Sunday (4/14)

The service begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Phoebe Needles Center with the blessing of the palms and procession to the church.

Maundy Thursday (4/18)

You are invited to a light supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall; followed by the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. Please bring simple foods (soup, bread, cheese, fruit) to share for the meal.

Good Friday (4/19)

We will have a Stations of the Cross service at 7:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross mark the 14 final acts of Jesus' life from the moment he is betrayed in the Garden of Gethsemane to Jesus being laid in the tomb.

The Callaway Community Churches Easter Sunrise service (4/21) will be at the Callaway Community Cemetery at 6:30 a.m. The Amy Pannell from Highland UMC will be the preacher. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at Piedmont Presbyterian. Piedmont will host a breakfast following the service.

Easter Service at Saint Peter's (4/21) will be at 10:00 a.m. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children 0 to 5, and 6 to 10 years old following the service. Parents are asked to bring an Easter basket with candy-filled eggs for their children that can be hidden by the teens following the service. Some of the eggs will contain "Outreach Dollars." If you find an egg with \$10, \$25, or \$50, you can elect one of the three Outreach Projects to contribute to – Callaway Pack-A-Sack, Ferrum Backpack program, or Boy's Home.

The next Community Celtic Worship service is on Sunday April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Peter's. This is a candlelit, quiet, contemplative service that is open to everyone in the community.



Summer Camp @ Phoebe Needles

It's time to think about registering for day camp and residential camp. Check out the Phoebe Needles Center web site for dates, descriptions, and information – www.PhoebeNeedles.org. Parish youth who participate in diocesan sponsored programs, including Phoebe Needles camps and programs, may seek financial assistance by completing the form and submitting it to the Vestry for approval. Saint Peter's will pay one third of the cost. Once approved, the Treasurer will write the check for the scholarship. Blank forms are available in the Parish Hall rack of materials.



<https://www.phoebeneedles.org>



WHAT IS HOLY WEEK ALL ABOUT...

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is a moveable Christian feast which always falls on the Sunday before Easter Sunday. The feast commemorates an event mentioned by all four Canonical Gospels (Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19): the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before his Passion. It is also called Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. In many Christian churches, Palm Sunday is marked by the distribution of palm leaves (often tied into crosses) to the assembled worshippers.

According to the Gospels, before entering Jerusalem, Jesus was staying at Bethany and Bethphage, and the Gospel of John adds that he had dinner with Lazarus, and his sisters Mary and Martha. While there, Jesus sent two disciples to the village over against them, in order to retrieve a donkey that had been tied up but never been ridden, and to say, if questioned, that the donkey was needed by the Lord but would be returned. Jesus then rode the donkey into Jerusalem, with the Synoptics adding that the disciples had first put their cloaks on it, so as to make it more comfortable. The Gospels go on to recount how Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and how the people there laid down their cloaks in front of him, and also laid down small branches of trees. The people sang part of Psalm 118, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father, David" (Psalm 118:25-26). Where this entry is supposed to have taken place is unspecified; some scholars argue that the Golden Gate is the likely location, since that was where it was believed the Jewish Messiah would enter Jerusalem; other scholars think that an entrance to the south, which had stairs leading directly to the Temple, would be more likely.

Maundy Thursday

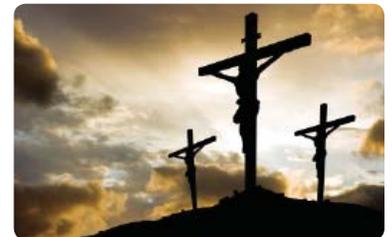
In the Christian calendar, Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday is the feast or holy day on the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. Most scholars agree that the word Maundy comes from *mandatum*, Latin for mandate, representing Jesus's words in John 13:34, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



On Maundy Thursday, four events are commemorated: the washing of the Disciples' feet by Jesus Christ, the institution of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot. The morning celebration of these events marks the beginning of what is called the Easter Triduum or Sacred Triduum. The Latin word *triduum* means a three-day period, and the triduum in question is that of the three days from the death to the resurrection of Jesus. It should be noted that for Jesus and his followers a day ended, and a new day began, at sunset, not at midnight, as it still does today in the modern Jewish calendar. The Last Supper was held at what present-day Western civilization considers to be the evening of Holy Thursday but what was then considered to be the first hours of Friday. Its annual commemoration thus begins the three-day period or triduum of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, days of special devotion that celebrate as a single action the death and resurrection of Christ, the central events of Christianity. After the Eucharist in the Maundy Thursday service, the altar is stripped of its adornments to symbolize Christ's humiliation at the hands of the soldiers.

Good Friday

Good Friday, also called Holy Friday or Great Friday, is the Friday before Easter (Easter always falls on a Sunday). It commemorates the crucifixion and death of



Jesus at Calvary. Conflicting testimony against Jesus is brought forth by many witnesses, to which Jesus answers nothing. Finally the high priest adjures Jesus to respond under solemn oath, saying "I adjure you, by the Living God, to tell us, are you the Anointed One, the Son of God?" Jesus testifies in the affirmative, "You have said it, and in time you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty, coming on the clouds of Heaven."

The high priest condemns Jesus for blasphemy, and the Sanhedrin concurs with a sentence of death (Matthew 26:57-66). In the morning the whole assembly brings Jesus to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate, under charges of subverting the nation, opposing taxes to Caesar, and making himself a king (Luke 23:1-2). The crowd cursed Pilate for not condemning Jesus to be killed. He authorizes the Jewish leaders to judge Jesus according to their own Law and execute sentencing; however, the Jewish leaders reply that they are not allowed by the Romans to

carry out a sentence of death (John 18:31). Pilate questions Jesus and tells the assembly that there is no basis for sentencing. Upon learning that Jesus is from Galilee, Pilate refers the case to the ruler of Galilee, King Herod, who was in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Herod questions Jesus but receives no answer; Herod sends Jesus back to Pilate. Pilate tells the assembly that neither he nor Herod have found guilt in Jesus; Pilate resolves to have Jesus whipped and released (Luke 23:3-16). It was a custom during the feast of Passover for the

Romans to release one prisoner as requested by the Jews. Pilate asks the crowd who they would like to be released. Under the guidance of the chief priests, the crowd asks for Barabbas, who had been imprisoned for committing murder during an insurrection. Pilate asks what they would have him do with Jesus, and they demand, "Crucify him!" (Mark 15:6-14). Pilate's wife had seen Jesus in a dream earlier that day; she forewarns Pilate to "have nothing to do with this righteous man" (Matthew 27:19).

Pilate has Jesus flogged, then brings him out to the crowd to release him. The chief priests inform Pilate of a new charge, demanding Jesus be sentenced to death "because he claimed to be God's son." This possibility fills Pilate with fear, and he brings Jesus back inside the palace and demanded to know from where he came (John 19:1-9).

Coming before the crowd one last time, Pilate declares Jesus innocent and washes his own hands in water to show he has no part in this condemnation. Nevertheless, Pilate hands Jesus over to be crucified in order to forestall a riot and ultimately to keep his job. The sentence written was "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Jesus carries his cross to the site of execution (assisted by Simon of Cyrene), called the place of the Skull, or "Golgotha" in Hebrew and "Calvary" in Latin. There he is crucified along with two criminals. Jesus agonizes on the cross for six hours. During his last three hours on the cross, from noon to three o'clock, darkness falls over the whole land. With a loud cry, Jesus gives up his spirit. There is an earthquake, tombs break open, and the curtain in

the Temple is torn from top to bottom. The centurion on guard at the site of crucifixion declares, "Truly this was God's Son!" Pilate asks confirmation from the centurion whether Jesus is dead. A soldier pierces the side of Jesus with a lance causing blood and water to flow out, and the centurion informs Pilate that Jesus is dead. Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin and secret follower of Jesus, who had not consented to his condemnation, goes to Pilate to request the body of Jesus. Pilate consents, and Joseph of Arimathea takes Jesus's body, wraps it in a clean linen shroud, and places it in his own new tomb that had

been carved in the rock in a garden near the site of the crucifixion. Nicodemus, another secret follower of Jesus and member of the Sanhedrin, also brings 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes, and places them in the linen with the body, in keeping with Jewish burial customs. They roll a large rock over the entrance of the tomb. Then they return home and rest, because Shabbat had begun at sunset. The Stations of the Cross mark the final events of Jesus's life from the moment he is betrayed in the Garden of Gethsemane until his body is laid in the tomb.

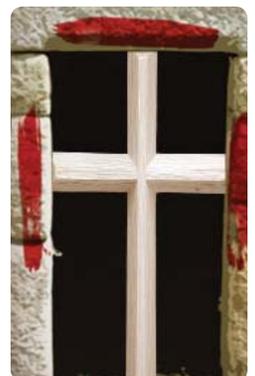
Easter

Easter (Greek: Paskha, Hebrew: Pesakh) is the most important annual religious feast in the Christian liturgical year. According to Christian scripture, Jesus was resurrected from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. Some Christians celebrate this resurrection on Easter Day or Easter Sunday (also Resurrection Day or Resurrection Sunday), two days after Good Friday and three days after Maundy Thursday. The chronology of his death and resurrection is variously interpreted to be between AD 26 and AD 36.

Easter also refers to the season of the church year called Eastertide or the Easter Season. Traditionally the Easter Season lasted for the forty days from Easter Day until Ascension Day but now officially lasts for the fifty days until Pentecost. The first week of the Easter Season is known as Easter Week or the Octave of Easter. Easter is a moveable feast, meaning it is not fixed in relation to the civil calendar. The First Council of Nicaea (325) established the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon (the Paschal Full Moon) following the vernal equinox.

Ecclesiastically, the equinox is reckoned to be on March 21 (regardless of the astronomically correct date), and the Full Moon is not necessarily the astronomically correct date. The date of Easter therefore varies between March 22 and April 25. Eastern Christianity bases its calculations on the Julian Calendar whose March 21 corresponds, during the twenty-first century, to April 3 in the Gregorian Calendar, in which calendar their celebration of Easter therefore varies between April 4 and May 8.

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover not only for much of its symbolism but also for its position in the calendar. In most European languages the feast called Easter in English is termed by the words for Passover in those languages, and in the older English versions of the Bible the term Easter was the term used to translate Passover.



United Thank Offering

Episcopal Relief and Development is supporting Episcopal dioceses that have been impacted by the record-breaking flooding in the central United States. Historic flooding caused by spring rains and snowmelt have destroyed homes and property throughout the midwest, causing millions of dollars in damage. In some areas, river levels rose more than 10 feet past flood level.



ERD is supporting dioceses on potential response efforts to the catastrophic flooding in Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin; however, additional flooding will soon be experienced in additional states further south. To learn more about the work of ERD, especially this disaster, go on the website (www.episcopalrelief.org). You can make a donation on line, by phone, or mail a check to Episcopal Relief and Development, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

The Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering (UTO) is Sunday, May 5. UTO gives some grants to young adults each year. An example of a grant last year was \$2,500 to Grace Aheron in the Diocese of Virginia who was concerned about the tumult and resistance in Charlottesville. Working with others in the Diocese and community a weekly worship service has been started at an underused chapel to give strength and encouragement to the many “activists of faith” who are addressing the issues.

The theme for the 2019 grants is “Go: Crossing Boundaries Created by Race, Culture and Economics.”

No matter how we do it, we can always give thanks, because we can always pray. We might sing or dance our prayers, we might kneel, sit, stand or lie down, but no matter how we do it we are called to pray always, anywhere and everywhere, silently or aloud. The outward and visible sign of our thankfulness is the Blue Box into which coins are placed to accompany our prayers. When we look at a mission project funded through a UTO grant, we should imagine all those invisible prayers and outreaching hands that have been offered from grateful hearts, providing yet another reason to



SERVICE CALENDAR – April 2019

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
Mar. 31	<u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Psalm 32	Pat	Charlotte Katherine	Regina Lisa	Peter	Zoe
Apr. 7	<u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8 Psalm 126	Martha	Delia Martha	Kelley	Tyler	Peter
Apr. 14	<u>Palm Sunday</u> Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Katherine	Carolyn Bob	Sharon Mary	Zoe	Tyler
Apr. 21	<u>Easter Sunday</u> Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Charlotte	Charlotte Katherine	Danene	Peter	Zoe
Apr. 28	<u>Second Sunday of Easter</u> Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150	Mary	Delia Martha	Christina	Tyler	Peter
May 5	<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u> Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19; Psalm 30	Allison	Carolyn Bob		Zoe	Tyler

SAINT PETER'S PRAYER & CARE TEAM

We have included in the Prayers of the People at each Sunday's worship service the names of those people in need of prayer that you have made known to the church. As a way of keeping those names before us in prayer, we are going to begin a Prayer Chain at Saint Peter's. This will be a group of people who are willing to commit to praying for each person on our prayer list on a daily basis. The Prayer Chain will also be responsible for updating the list, writing occasional notes to those in our prayers, and relaying needs that might be met by the congregation. If the group once formed desires to meet on occasion for prayer and discussion that is a possibility as well. Juanita Custer has offered to coordinate the group. Anyone is welcome to be a part of this group. Please let Juanita (hodes_juanita@yahoo.com) know if you would like to participate in this group.



BIRTHDAYS

April

8 Andy Buckman
13 Benton Heck
Bob Pohlada
15 Rob Crow
30 Stephanie Pendleton

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)

Get your missing birthdays to Gary Holden at gholden@ferrum.edu so he can add them to the list and begin including them in future issues of the RCN. Thanks.

SAINT PETER'S-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS PRAYER LIST – April 2019

Adam Johnson
Katie Lusk
Leland Southard
Patsy Hubbard
Randy Love
Ed Cornbleet
Shannon Rosenblatt
Joe Puzycki
Brian Bernard
Bob Holden
Sara Bier
Christina Roudabush

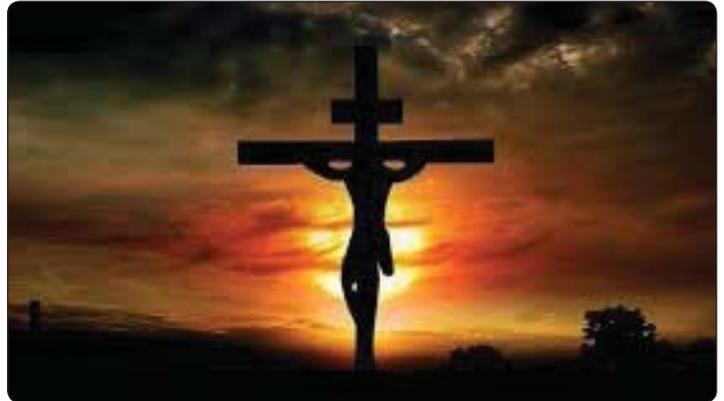
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Rucker Ferguson
Bill Chase
Linda Sigmon
Cindy Swinehart
Linda Thomas
Eli Sydow
Jamie Stanley
Karen Zell
Hazel Pendleton
Betty Hood
Paul Rosenblatt

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

We pray also 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, and in particular for those who serve in harms way, especially Clint Custer.

He is Risen



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