

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Christmas Cantata/Pageant

On Sunday, December 16 during the 10:00 worship hour, the adult and children’s choirs of St. Peter’s will present The Glory of Christmas by Lloyd Larson. Joining us will be Susan Spataro, flutist. The cantata will have a number of narrators, and the children/youth will be dressed in costumes to present the story of the Nativity. This service will be a beautiful celebration of Christ’s birth, and we hope everyone will be able to join us! The choirs and all participants will have a dress rehearsal for the cantata on Saturday, December 15, 10:00-noon in the sanctuary.



Many thanks to the Altar Guild members for the greening of the church for Advent. The church looks beautiful as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christmas!

The next Center for Lifelong Learning program at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. Cara Ellen Modisett and the B Sharps will present a program of Christmas music. Please call the Center at 483-1518 by Friday, December 7th at noon.

It is time to order Christmas Poinsettias, which will be \$10 each. Payment should accompany the order form, which can be found in the Parish Hall. Checks can be made payable to Saint Peter’s Altar Guild. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, Dec. 2. See Kelley Beyer if you have any questions.

Vestry Elections -- On Sunday, December 16, we will elect two new Vestry members for a three-year term. Anyone interested in serving on the Vestry can contact Bob Pohlrad, senior warden. You are invited to nominate someone (before they nominate you)! We are very grateful to Lisa Compton and Carl Durant who are both completing a three-year term.

Please send January newsletter items by December 27 to Gary Holden at gholden@ferrum.edu.

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ROCK CHURCH NEWS

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Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.
Church School: 11:15 a.m.

If anyone is interested in serving as a lector or a chalice, please let John Heck know. It would be great to have some new folks involved.



Thank you to everyone who has returned a 2019 pledge card to the church! The Vestry appreciates your willingness to make a financial commitment, and a commitment of your time and abilities. Saint Peter's is a parish family with many blessings, and we are grateful for your participation.

Please remember to complete your 2018 pledge. All 2018 contributions must be received by the Treasurer (Nancy Bradley) prior to December 31st, 2018 in order to be counted in the 2018 tax year. Any check received after December 31, 2018 will be counted in the 2019 tax year. If you have questions, please call the Treasurer, Nancy Bradley at 483-7966.

We will be having a Youth Group meeting Sunday, December 9, after church at Phoebe Needles. We'll be making Christmas ornaments and having light snacks. We're excited to get this group off the ground and do some fun projects!

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.

Franklin County Community Chorus Concerts

Saturday, Dec. 8, 7:30 pm: CrossPoint Church (Wirtz)
 Sunday, Dec. 9, 4 pm: Bethlehem Church of the Brethren

The FCC Chorus is under the direction of Dr. Erma Rose and accompanied by Ms. Susan Spataro.

2018 St. Peters Outreach Program

On Saturday, Oct. 6, the PNC board and St. Peter's Outreach will work together to rebuild a ramp for a member of our community. Please sign the list posted in the parish hall if you plan to attend. We plan on leaving the PNC parking lot at 8:00 am. Please bring a hammer and a bagged lunch.

Jan.	Callaway Pack A Sack	\$202
Feb.	Free Clinic of Franklin County	\$186
Mar.	Southern VA Child Advocacy Center	\$176
Mar.	Pancake Supper - Pack A Sack	\$76
Mar.	Von Trapp Concert - to Pack A Sack	\$138
Apr.	Ferrum Panther Pack	\$342
Apr.	Easter Egg Hunt - Pack a Sack	\$200
May	Stepping Stone Mission	\$220
June	Phoebe Needles Camp Scholarships	\$163
July	Helping Hands of Franklin County	\$163
Aug.	Ferrum Community Mission Center	\$166
Sept.	Heavenly Manna Food Bank	\$169
Oct.	Grace House on the Mountain	\$232
Oct.	ER&D Hurricane Relief	\$1000
Nov.	Boy's Home, Covington VA	\$186
Dec.	Christmas Families	_____
		Total: \$2598



SERVICE CALENDAR – December 2018

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
12/2	First Sunday of Advent Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 LINK Luke 21:25-36 Psalm 25:1-9	Gary	Delia Deb	Kelley	Tyler	Peter
12/9	Second Sunday of Advent Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 LINK Luke 3:1-6 Canticle 4 or 16	Katherine	Charlotte Katherine	Sharon Mary	Zoe	Tyler
12/16	Third Sunday of Advent Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 LINK Luke 3:7-18 Canticle 9	Martha	Pat N. Marilyn	Danene	Peter	Zoe
12/23	Fourth Sunday of Advent Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10 LINK Luke 1:39-45, (46-55) Canticle 15 (or 3) or Psalm 80:1-7	Lana	Martha Dave	Christina Pat	Tyler	Peter
12/24	Christmas Eve			Shelby		
12/30	First Sunday After Christmas Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 LINK John 1:1-18 Psalm 147 or 147:13-21	Allison	Charlotte Katherine	Lisa Regena	Zoe	Tyler

SAINT PETER'S PRAYER 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 (hodges_juanita@yahoo.com) know if you would like to participate in this group.



BIRTHDAYS

December

3 Zoe Nix
10 Ursala Stevens
21 Christina DiEno
23 Matthew Simms
26 Pete Crow
31 Ella Nix

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)

SAINT PETER'S-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS PRAYER LIST – December 2018

Susan Eddy
Elizabeth Miller
Sara Bier
Julie Nix

Christina Roudabush
Glenda Pendleton
Bill Chase
Gene Herrick
Linda Sigmon
Cindy Swinehart
Linda Thomas
Eli Sydow
Jamie Stanley
Karen Zell
Hazel Pendleton
Betty Hood
Carolyn Thomas
Barbara Garst
Paul Rosenblatt
Robert Holden

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.



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