

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

The Annual Epiphany Celebration will be Friday, January 11, at 6:00 pm at the Rectory. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite drinks. Please let Delia Heck (dheck@ferrum.edu) know if you will be able to join us for this Twelfth Night party.

Congratulations to Danny Custer and Patrick Nix, who were elected to a three-year term on the Vestry. We are very grateful to Lisa Compton and Carl Durant who both completed a three-year term. Allison Harl, Leslie Holden, Bob Pohlrad, and Lana Whited all continuing to serve on the Vestry.

A 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 poinsettias, and all the rest of the Altar Guild members who prepared the special greenery, candles, window wreaths, and poinsettias. The church was absolutely beautiful!

Special thanks to all who made the Christmas Cantata/Pagaent such a wonderful delight. To Fair Robey for all her efforts with the adult and children’s choirs, and Sue Spataro (flutest). Thanks to Charlotte Hubbard and Pat Newcombe for their solos. To Katherine Grimes for their help in coordinating the program. Thanks to all the readers and characters who made the program so special!

The next program of the Center for Lifelong Learning at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, January 8 at 10:00 am. The program will be “Funny Events in an Old Journalists Career,” presented by Gene Herrick. Please call the Center at 483-1518 to make a reservation by Friday, January 4.

The Community Celtic Worship service is Sunday January 6 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for this beautiful, holy, candlelight service. Please let other people in the community know about this service, and invite them to come!

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



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



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 emphasizes the baptism of Jesus, with Christ revealing himself to the world as God's own Son.

Likewise, on Epiphany some denominations commemorate Jesus's miracle of turning water into wine, signifying the manifestation of Christ's divinity as well.

The readings designated for Year C 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
- Matthew 2.1-12

2018 St. Peters Outreach Program

Outreach gave the following local charities \$300 each as part of our end of the year disbursement:

- Helping Hands of Franklin County
- Free Clinic of Franklin County
- Heavenly Manna Food Bank
- Stepping Stone Mission

Thank you all for your generosity in 2018! The plate collection for Sunday, January 6, will benefit the Callaway Pack-a-Sack Program.

2018 Outreach Expenditures

Jan.	Callaway PackA Sack	202.00
Feb.	Free Clinic of Franklin Co	186.00
Mar.	Southern VA Child Advocacy	176.00
Mar.	Pancake supper for Pack-a-Sack	76.00
Mar.	Von Trapp Concert for Pack-a-Sack	137.90
Apr.	Ferrum Panther Packs	342.00
May	Easter Egg Hunt to Pack-a-Sack	200.00
May	Stepping StoneMission	220.00
June	Phoebe Needles	163.00
July	Helping Hands	163.00
Aug.	Ferrum Community Mission	166.00
Sept.	Heavenly Manna	169.00
Oct.	Grace House on the Mtn.	232.00
Oct.	ER&D Hurricane Relief	1,000.00
Nov,	Boy's Home	186.00
Dec.	Christmas family gift cards	400.00
Dec.	SVAC food drive	336.29
Dec.	Christmas family gifts	245.06
Dec.	Outreach deck	178.46
Dec.	Stepping StoneMission	300.00
Dec.	Free Clinic of Franklin Co	300.00
Dec.	Heavenly Manna	300.00
Dec.	Helping Hands	300.00

Total: \$4957.81



Musical Director Fair Robey and guest musician Sue Spataro perform an impromptu duet of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" following the 2018 St. Peter's Christmas Pageant Dec. 16.

Yuletide Festival -- Dec. 15, 2018



**Poinsettias given to the Glory of God and
In Memory or Honor for Christmas**



Fair Robey in memory of Derwood and
Blanche Merriman

Jim Bier in memory of Jerryanne Bier

Paul and Marilyn Rogers in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. John Konicki and Ida & Frank St. Pierre

John and Delia Heck in honor of Benton and Peter

Danny and Juanita Custer in memory of Erma Custer and
Newton Hodges; and in honor of Clint Custer

Keith and Charlotte Hubbard in memory of J. C. Hubbard, Jr.,
and Mr. & Mrs. C. I. Dillon, Jr.

The Grimes-Whited Family in memory of Paul and Joan
Whited and The Rev. Van D. Grimes

Carolyn Thomas and Bob Pohlad in memory of Alvera
Prokopiak, Leroy Pohlad, Stanley Prokopiak, Elizabeth
Thomas, Dean W. Thomas and Brice Swinehart

Mark and Mary Jane Ackerman in memory of Judith
Ackerman and Bob Rubarth

Maureen, Grace and Colton in memory of James Vance and
in honor of Marcia Vance

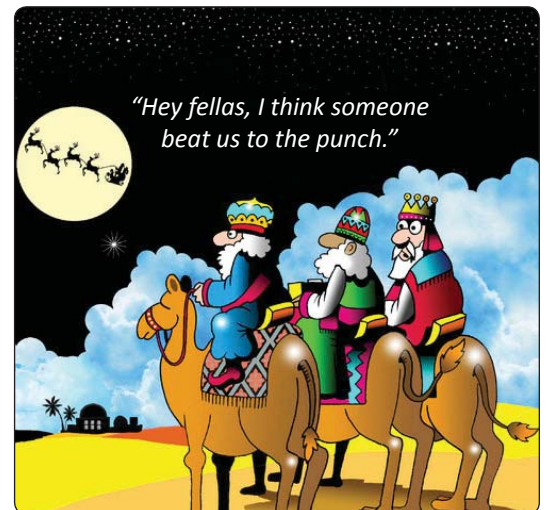
Carol and Don Osborne in memory of Leslie Shirley

Martha Perry in memory of Ralph and Mary Perry

Paul and Shannon Simms in memory of V. Keith Simms,
L. Earl Simms, Gayle Plunkett

Patricia Rushmore in honor of our grandchildren

Frances and Ric Kuhlbars in honor of our grandsons, Francis & Jack



Saint Peter's Christmas Cantata/Pageant -- December 16, 2018



SERVICE CALENDAR – January 2019

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
Jan. 6	The Epiphany Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 LINK Matthew 2:1-12 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14	Gary	Carolyn Bob	Pat N. Christina	Peter	Zoe
Jan. 13	First Sunday After Epiphany Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 LINK Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Psalm 29	Pat N.	Martha Dave	Marilyn Maureen	Tyler	Peter
Jan. 20	Second Sunday After Epiphany Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 LINK John 2:1-11 Psalm 36:5-10	Dave	Deb Delia	Pat R.	Zoe	Tyler
Jan. 27	Third Sunday After Epiphany Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a LINK Luke 4:14-21 Psalm 19	Martha	Charlotte Katherine	Regina Lisa	Peter	Zoe
Feb. 3	Fourth Sunday After Epiphany Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 LINK Luke 4:21-30 Psalm 71:1-6	Katherine	Pat N. Benton	Sharon Mary	Tyler	Peter

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

January

3 Brandon Grimes-Whited
4 Elizabeth Miller
4 Scott Miller
8 Berhan Grimes-Whited
11 Estelle Jones
18 Carolyn Thomas

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)

Updates Needed

We have not updated the SP birthday list in a few years. If you and your family have joined us in recent years, please send your list of birthdays to gholden@ferrum.edu so we can update our list and include and celebrate everyone in future newsletters.

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

Brian Bernard
Daryell Hodges
Bob Holden
Elizabeth Miller
Sara Bier
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
Joe Puzycki

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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