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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

The next Community Celtic Worship service is on Sunday March 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Peter’s. This is a candlelit, quiet, contemplative service that is open to everyone in the community.

Saint Peter’s Endowment Fund – “Keeping the Rock Church Solid.” Every month Birthday Sunday donations go to the Saint Peter’s Endowment Fund. How about matching your age in dollars this year for your birthday?

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be March 5 at 6:00 pm in the Community Center at Phoebe Needles. The youth are preparing the meal. Please bring your family and friends.



There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on March 6 at 7:00 pm at Saint Peter’s Church.

The next program of the Center for Lifelong Learning at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. The program will be “Genetically Modified Babies: Frankenbabies” with Dr. Ginny Garrett. Please call the Center at 483-1518 to make a reservation by Friday, March 8.

March 10 is the First Sunday of Lent. On March 12, the Center for Lifelong Learning will feature Dr. Jinnie Garrett speaking on “Genetically Modified Babies - Francenbabies?”

2019 Proposed St. Peters Outreach Calendar

(Sunday, March 3, 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
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

Kelley Bayer will have forms for Easter Lilies in the Parish Hall next Sunday. Cost is \$10 and the the deadline to order is April 7.



Please send April newsletter items by March 27 to Gary Holden at gholden@ferrum.edu.

St. Peter's Youth Group

The St. Peter's Youth Group made Valentines for the residents at the Franklin Health and Rehab. The youth group will next be making Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper March 5 at 6 p.m.



Liturgical Notes for the Season of Lent

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Shrovetide Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday and Pancake Day) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is determined by Easter; its date changes annually. The expression “Shrove Tuesday” comes from the word *shrive*, meaning “confess.” Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christian denominations, including the Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches.

Many of these Christians, on Shrove Tuesday, “make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God’s help in dealing with.” Being the last day before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one sacrifices for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations, before commencing the fasting and religious obligations associated with Lent. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for Fat Tuesday, referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in the Western Christian calendar, directly following Shrove Tuesday. Occurring 46 days before Easter, it is a moveable fast that can fall as early as February 4 and as late as March 10. According to the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke; Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by Satan. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this 40-day liturgical period of prayer and fasting or abstinence. Of the 46 days until Easter, six are Sundays. As the Christian sabbath, Sundays are not included in the fasting period and are instead “feast” days during Lent.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a celebration and reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. The ashes used are typically gathered from the burning of the palms from the previous year’s Palm Sunday. Although the imposition of ashes was generally seen as a Catholic practice, as it was mostly abandoned by Protestants except for Anglicans after the Protestant Reformation, it has become increasingly common in much of Christianity, now being observed by many Lutherans and Methodists in addition to Catholics and Episcopalians. Some Baptist and nondenominational churches, among other denominations, also observe this day.

The Season of Lent

The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement and self-denial. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the tradition and events of the Bible beginning on Friday of Sorrows, further climaxing on Jesus’s crucifixion on Good Friday, which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Lent, many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ’s carrying the Cross and of his execution, are often observed. Many Roman Catholic and some Protestant churches remove flowers from their altars, while crucifixes, religious statues, and other elaborate religious symbols are often veiled in violet fabrics in solemn observance of the event. In certain pious Catholic countries, some adherents mark the season with the traditional abstinence from the consumption of meat.

In some countries, grand religious processions and cultural customs are observed, and the faithful attempt to visit seven churches during Holy Week in honor of Jesus Christ heading to Mount Calvary. At Saint Peter’s, during the season of Lent we do a few things differently:

- The opening salutation is different (BCP p. 355).
- The Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) is used in place of the “Gloria in Excelsis” (BCP, p. 356).
- The “Alleluias” are omitted throughout the service in the liturgy and hymns.

Grants totaling \$1,257,778 were made last year by the national United Thank Offering (UTO) of the Episcopal Church.



One of those grants, \$30,000, goes to the Charis Hospitality Expansion Project, an intentional community of young adults seeking to follow Jesus through prayer and social action. The grant will allow the church to add three bedrooms and a bathroom to make the home more welcoming to the stranger.

Another grant, \$45,000, will create a Book of Common Prayer in the Lakota Language for nine tribes in South Dakota. A \$29,000 grant for Clear Start, a social justice enterprise of The Well, a two-year residential program modeled on Thistle Farms. The program provides women with employment, and financial autonomy, alleviating the poverty that is at the root of human trafficking.

The Spring Ingathering at St. Peter’s will be Sunday, May 5. Blue Boxes are available at the church.

SERVICE CALENDAR – March 2019

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
Mar. 3	Last Sunday After Epiphany Exodus 34:29-35 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a] Psalm 99	Rob	Charlotte Pat N	Lisa Regina	Zoe	Tyler
	LINK					
Mar. 10	First Sunday in Lent Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Carolyn	Carolyn Bob	Pat N Christina	Peter	Zoe
	LINK					
Mar. 17	Second Sunday in Lent Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 Psalm 27	Bob	Benton Marilyn	Marilyn Maureen	Tyler	Peter
	LINK					
Mar. 24	Third Sunday in Lent Exodus 3:1-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8	Gary	Martha Dave	Pat R	Zoe	Tyler
	LINK					
Mar. 31	Fourth Sunday in Lent Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Psalm 32	Pat	Charlotte Katherine	Regina Lisa	Peter	Zoe
	LINK					

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

March

- 3 John Heck
Pat Newcombe
- 9 Susan Mead
- 15 Rob Crow
Sondra Kirsch
- 17 Dylan Stanley
- 29 Sherri Custer
- 30 Flora Stevens

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 and he'll add them to the list and begin including them in the Rock Church News. Thanks.

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

Patsy Hubbard
Randy Love
Ed Cornbleet
Shannon Rosenblatt
Deb Durant
Joe Puzycki
Brian Bernard
Bob Holden
Sara Bier
Christina Roudabush
Glenda Pendleton
Bill Chase

Linda Sigmon
Cindy Swinehart
Linda Thomas
Eli Sydow
Jamie Stanley
Karen Zell
Hazel Pendleton
Betty Hood
Carolyn Thomas
Barbara Garst
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.



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