

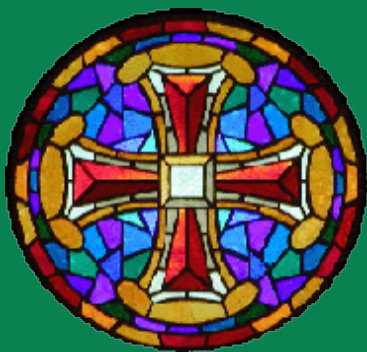


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ROCK CHURCH NEWS

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Sunday Service
10:00 a.m.

Church School
11:15 a.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Don’t forget to CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS for the end of Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, November 6th. Spring Forward, Fall Back!

During the service on All Saints Sunday, November 6th, we will read the names of our beloved friends and family members who are now deceased, yet dwell now in the company of heaven. If you have a name to add to the list, please contact the Rev. John Heck.

We will baptize Oliver Vanderbilt Young, son of Emily Willie and Ben Young, on All Saints Sunday (November 6th). Please join in welcoming him into the Body of Christ, and renew your own Baptismal Covenant!

The Callaway Community Thanksgiving Service is Sunday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church. Please bring canned goods to be donated to Heavenly Manna. Any monetary donations will go to the Callaway Pack-a-Sack program.

The Saint Peter’s Thanksgiving Day service is November 24th at 10:00 a.m. Come as you are, bring your families, neighbors, or out-of-town guests. Let us with grateful hearts give thanks to God for all our blessings!

HOLD THIS IMPORTANT DATE — Saturday, December 3rd, is the 12th Annual Yuletide Festival at Phoebe Needles from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Saint Peter’s Youth will serve a spaghetti supper at 6:00 p.m. Donations from the dinner will be go toward a project in the South Sudan. Music by the Blue Ridge Mountaineers (Mac and Jenny Traynham and Andy, Sharon and Jack Buckman) will begin after the dinner. Please bring your family and friends.



Please return your annual pledge card on or before November 6th.

Altar Guild Notes

- The Altar Guild sells Rada Knives - see Shelby Dehart or Nancy Bradley for information.
- Saturday, November 26th at 9:00 all Altar Guild members will decorate for Advent, please bring greenery.
- Anyone who would like to make an Advent Wreath after church on November 27th, please sign up in the Parish Hall. The cost should be about \$10.

Please send December newsletter info by November 25th to Gary Holden at gholden@ferrum.edu.



OUTREACH REPORT

The Outreach offering on Sunday, November 6, 2016 will benefit Heavenly Manna Food Bank. The food bank is located on South Main Street, Rocky Mount. The hours are Mondays only from 10 am - 5 pm.

In 2015, this volunteer-only food bank served 473 families per month. They give out generous portions of food with donation boxes containing frozen meats, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, cereals, biscuits, pizza, and desserts.

Please donate to this organization that seeks to fight hunger in Franklin County.

A check for \$192 was sent to Casa Materna, October's outreach recipient.

We are working with the guidance counselors at the Callaway and Ferrum elementary schools to organize a Christmas wish list for two families in need. The wish list posters should be in the church around November 20th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL — 2016-17

YOUNGER CHILDREN -- Leaders are Allison Harl, Stephanie Pendleton, Maureen Roudabush

Ursula Stevens, Samantha Simms, Grace Campbell, Eli Harl, Lucas Simms, Teagan Pendleton, Flora Stevens, Ella Nix, Matthew Simms

OLDER YOUTH -- Leaders are Susan Mead, Patrick and Julie Nix

Benton Heck, Peter Heck, Tristan Pendleton, Asa Stevens, Zoe Nix, Hailu Grimes-Whited, Berhan Grimes-Whited, Brandon Grimes-Whited, Tyler Grimes-Whited

MUSIC -- Fair Robey will work with the younger children for 10 minutes on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the end of the social hour.

ADULTS -- Martha Perry and John Heck will lead this group. All adults are invited to attend. We will first complete a study of The Agile Church that we started in the spring, beginning with a report on a Diocesan event, Joining God in the Neighborhood, attended by six of us on Saturday, August 27th.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL -- Leaders are Berhan Grimes-Whited, Hailu Grimes-Whited, Tyler Grimes-Whited, Benton Heck, Peter Heck, and Zoe Nix.

NURSERY DURING WORSHIP SERVICE -- At the present time we will not have a nursery and all younger children will attend the Children's Chapel.

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2016

Operating Account

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
January	\$7,226.00	\$5,419.86
February	\$4,252.00	\$6,796.14
March	\$6,051.75	\$5,380.29
April	\$5,827.00	\$8,758.27
May	\$6,429.80	\$4,811.93
June	\$5,278.00	\$4,884.99
July	\$7,779.00	\$5,736.87
August	\$2,755.00	\$5,177.17
September	\$13,016.37	\$4,797.74
October	TBA	TBA
Year to date	TBA	TBA

Non Operating Account

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
January	\$289.30	\$482.30
February	\$538.99	\$412.09
March	\$304.00	\$274.50
April	\$303.00	\$535.00
May	\$1,076.11	\$2,142.21
June	\$559.30	\$460.70
July	\$251.00	\$516.00
August	\$380.00	\$85.00
September	\$6,409.00	\$286.10
October	TBA	TBA

UNITED THANK OFFERING

We have much to admire and learn from the spiritual giants who came before us, the holy women and men who have died in faith and risen in glory.

Give thanks for all the saints who model the kind of life you strive to live in Jesus Christ, saints kind and cantankerous. Place your thanks into the UTO BLUE BOX and bring it to church on November 13th for our Fall Ingathering. Your offering will become a great charity and blessing to others.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is coming. November 27th begins the first Sunday of the new Church year. In the Lectionary Cycle we begin using "Year A" which focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. We use lessons from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which is currently used by the American Baptists, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Anglican Churches of Canada, Australia and South Africa, Church of England, Presbyterian Church USA, United Methodist Church, Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, and the Christian Reformed Church in North America. In the Daily Office (see pages 934-1001), we begin using "Year One."



First and foremost Advent is a season for preparation. The Latin word means "coming." In the proclamation of John the Baptist, we are to "prepare the way of the Lord" in our hearts for the coming of Christ. We prepare for the Messiah promised by God and foretold by the prophets. We prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ, who is coming at the close of this age to rule as Lord over the promised kingdom of God.

It is a season of expectation, hope, wonder, anticipation, preparation and waiting. But how do we do this year after year? How do we take seriously this notion of Advent as merchants decorate their stores to attract customers, cities and towns hang Christmas decorations on lamp posts, and we are already feeling the pre-Christmas crunch? The only way I can separate myself from the glitter and tinsel is to read the story. Hearing the lessons read once in church on Sunday morning is not enough. Read and reread the lessons throughout the week. Listen to the words, hear the story again and again in your heart.

The great stories of Advent can be found in these passages of scripture:

The Prophecies in Isaiah

- The Lord's sign to the House of David (Isaiah 7.10-17)
- The stem of Jesse and the peaceable kingdom (Isaiah 11.1-10)
- Comfort, O comfort my people (Isaiah 40.1-11)

Elizabeth

- Mary visiting her cousin (Luke 1.39-56)
- The birth of John the Baptist is promised (Luke 1.5-25)

John the Baptist

- Baptizing in the river Jordan (Matthew 3.1-12; Mark 1.1-8; Luke 3.7-18)
- Messengers sent from John (Matthew 11.2-11)

Mary

- The Annunciation (Luke 1.26-56)
- Joseph's dream (Matthew 1.18-25)

These stories are OUR story. They are the story of the hope and expectation of people like you and me throughout the ages - people waiting for the Messiah in their own day. I invite you on a journey this Advent. It is a journey of heart, mind, and soul. Take some extra time to read the scripture and offer your prayers to God. Talk with your family about the things that are important to you and meaningful in your life. Change your spiritual routine to see this Advent season from a different perspective. May God bless you during the season of Advent.








We have a wonderful group of children at St. Peter's who love to sing! We practice every second and fourth Sunday, right before Sunday School, and we would welcome any newcomers to the group! The children will sing on Sunday, Nov. 6, during the morning worship hour.

The adult choir rehearses every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. We would love to have new members, so please consider joining us! We will have three extra rehearsals in November to prepare for our Christmas music. We will practice on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on November 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

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 and on page 10 of the newsletter. Checks can be made payable to Saint Peter's Altar Guild. The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, December 4th. See Kelley Beyer if you have any questions.

Vestry Elections. Danny Custer and Patricia Rushmore will complete their term of service on December 31st, 2016, 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 11th.

SERVICE CALENDAR – November 2016

	Readings	Lector	Chalice	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Children's Chapel
6 	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 or Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Carl	Delia Deb	Zoe	Lisa Regena	Berhan Peter
13 	Isaiah 65:17-25 Canticle 9 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Bob	Charlotte Katherine	Tyler	Pat Christina	Zoe Hailu
20 	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Canticle 16 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Dave	Pat Christy	Peter	Marilyn	Benton Berhan
24 	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35	 Gary (not a turkey, just reading that day)	Need Volunteer	Benton	Shelby	No CC
27 	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44 Psalm 122	Pat	Bob Carolyn	Benton	Patricia Deb	Peter Tyler
4  Dec.	Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Gary	Martha Dave	Hailu	Lisa Regena	Zoe Benton

BIRTHDAYS

November

6 Milton Miller
10 Danene Bernard
13 Shannon Simms
20 Jeff Bernard

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)

If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please e-mail Gary at gholden@ferrum.edu.

SAINT PETER'S-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS PRAYER LIST – November 2016

Sara Bier Williams
George Seals
Frank Pendleton
Joe Stogner
Jean Waltrip
Maureen Raudabush
Keith Custer
Joan Kinser
Terry Griffin
Klya Rose Robbins
Debra Lustig (Loostig)
Dale Green
Sharon Buckman
Paul Lynch
Craig Griffin
Susan Smith
Elaine Craighead
Teresa Sanders
Eli Sydow
Jake Bailey
Darlene Jordan

Dee Sarver
Sally Hollandsworth
Linda Wingfield
Ricky Gibson
Marcia Vance
Benjamin Austin
Garrett Sweigert
Nakia Bailey
Kim Johnson
Joey Jones
Karen Zell
Stanley Prokopiak
Hazel Pendleton
Claire Parker
Hazel Hamilton
Betty Hood
Mia Walk-Hardy
Jamie Stanley
Diane Holliman
Linda Thomas

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 particularly for those who are serving in harms way.

If you would like to add/remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Rev. John Heck at johnheck@gmail.com or 483-1518. If you would like to have the flowers on the altar in honor or memory of someone, please see a member of the Altar Guild.

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