

SAINT PETER'S-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS

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SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15 AM



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Sunday, April 6

Outreach Sunday

**Recipient: South Sudanese
Orphan Sponsorship**

Tuesday, April 8

10:00 am, Phoebe Needles Center

Center for Lifelong Learning

Parish Hall, 5:30 pm

Choir Practice

Saturday, April 12

Saint Peter’s Church, 9:00 am

Spring Cleaning

Sunday, April 13

Birthday Sunday

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17

Saint Peter’s Church, 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Supper

Saint Peter’s Church, 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18

Saint Peter’s Church, 7:00 pm

**Good Friday Service (Stations
of the Cross)**

Sunday, April 20

Callaway Community Cemetery,

6:30 am, **Easter Sunrise Service**

Saint Peter’s Church, 10:00 am

**Easter Service (Easter Egg Hunt to
follow)**

Outreach Report. The plate offerings on the first Sunday of each month are designated to Outreach. In March, we sent \$143.10 to Grace House.

In April, these contributions will be used to help sponsor an orphan child from South Sudan to attend school and get nourishing meals during the school year.

Politically fueled ethnic violence has affected the lives of every single person in the new nation of South Sudan. Human rights violations were committed on both sides of the conflict. More than 700,000 people have been displaced since the conflict began in mid-December 2013.

The Reverend Peter Yuol Gur, from the diocese of Wau, South Sudan has been caring for orphans and overseeing their education. He is asking for churches in the Episcopalian diocese to sponsor a child. The cost for tuition, room and board, school fees and food is \$682 per child per year.

Please contribute this outreach Sunday and help change the life of a young child in South Sudan. Thank you for your generosity; it makes a difference in the lives of many people!

Please see page 7 for the 2014 calendar of Outreach recipients.

There will be choir rehearsal at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, April 8.

The next Center for Lifelong Learning program at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, April 8 at 10:00 am. Dr. Bob Pohlad will present “Edible Plants & Fungi.” After lunch there will be a short walk to look for edible plants and fungi. Please call the Center at 483-1518 by Friday, April 4 at noon.

On Saturday, April 12 we will have a spring cleaning at Saint Peter’s – indoors and out – beginning at 9:00 am. We can use the help of all ages! If you have any questions, please talk with Danny Custer.

There is one more Ecumenical Lenten Lunch in Rocky Mount. Each lunch will begin with prayer at 12 noon, which is followed by a light lunch, and they are to end by 1:00. The last lunch will be Wednesday, April 9 at First Brethren in Rocky Mount.

You are invited to purchase an Easter Lily to display on the altar Easter Sunday, April 20. The form for ordering can be found on page 7. If you have questions, you can email Kelley Beyer at kelley83@msn.com. You can drop the form and payment off in the Parish Hall, or you can mail the form and a check to Kelley at 637 Timberline Road, Copper Hill, VA 24079. The deadline to order is April 6.



“Our change changes lives” is the theme for the United Thank Offering this year. Please put your gifts into the **Blue Box** with thanksgiving, prayer and generosity. If your is already full there are plenty more at the church. **Sunday, May 11** is the day for the Spring Ingathering.

Treasurer’s Report

Operating Account:		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
	March 2014	\$10,606.85	\$5,923.24
	Year-to-Date	\$21,318.59	\$17,725.53
Non-Operating Account:		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
	March 2014	\$217.00	\$248.30
	Year-to-Date	\$657.50	\$677.30

(This account includes the coffee project, endowment fund contributions, monthly outreach contributions and disbursements, United Thank Offering, and other non-operational categories.)

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?

Congratulations to Drew Holden, who received his Eagle Scout award on February 23. Less than two in one hundred Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle.

The Heart of the Blue Ridge Sangha will be meeting for Mindfulness Meditation on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Saint Peter’s. April’s meeting will be April 3; there will be no meditation on Thursday, April 17. For more information, please contact Mike Adams at maluaina@gmail.com or 420-5889.

How to Pray

Prayer is a request for what is good, offered by the devout of God. But we do not restrict this request simply to what is stated in words. We should not express our prayer merely in syllables, but also through the attitude of our soul and in the virtuous actions we do in our life. This is how you pray continually — not by offering prayer in words, but by joining yourself to God through your whole way of life, so that your life becomes one continuous and uninterrupted prayer.

– Basil the Great (4th century)

Schedule of Services for Holy Week

Palm Sunday (4/13)

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

Maundy Thursday (4/17)

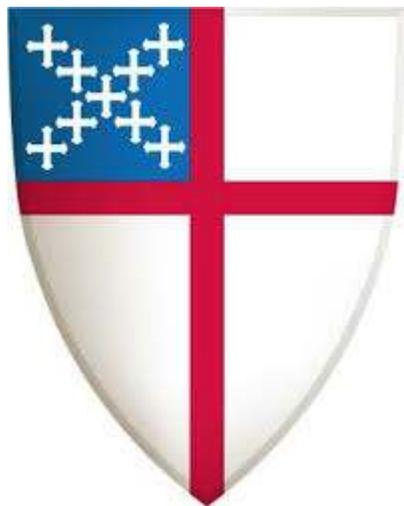
You are invited to a light supper at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall, followed by the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm. Please bring simple foods (soup, bread, cheese, fruit) to share for the meal.

Good Friday (4/18)

We will have a Stations of the Cross service at 7:00 pm.

The Callaway Community Churches Easter Sunrise service (4/20) will be at the Callaway Community Cemetery at 6:30 am. The Rev. Ray Bayse from Bethany Church of the Brethren will be the preacher. The Antioch Church of the Brethren Church choir will provide the music. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at Piedmont Presbyterian (they will also be serving breakfast).

Easter Service at Saint Peter's (4/20) will be at 10:00 am, followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children 0 to 5, and 6 to 10 years old. A special prize is in the golden egg! 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.



The Episcopal Shield was adopted in 1940 as the symbol for the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The shield brings together some of the Episcopal Church's history, and offers a brief history lesson through its design.

The Episcopal Church was founded in 1789 as a separate group from the mother Church of England, from which the churches in the colonies were separated by the American Revolution. The red white and blue colors are the colors of the American flag. Many of the founders of this nation, including George Washington, were Episcopalians. The white field with a red cross is the cross of St. George, the patron saint of the Church of England (and incidentally the colony of Georgia). This remembers the Episcopal Church's roots in the Church of England. There are nine miniature crosses on the field of blue symbolizing the nine dioceses that met in

Philadelphia in 1789 to ratify the initial constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The crosslets are formed as a x-shaped cross of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. This remembers the Scottish Episcopal Church's important role in our history as it was their bishops who ordained Samuel Seabury as the first American Bishop in 1784.

The colors each have a symbolic meaning: Red is for the blood Christ shed for us and for the lives of the martyrs of our faith; White is the color of purity; Blue is the traditional color of the Virgin Mary, the mother of the Son of Man.

Notes on Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable 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 worshipers.

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,

Notes on Holy Week (continued)

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.

Notes on Holy Week (continued)

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: Πάσχα *Paskha*, from Hebrew: פֶּסַח *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*.

**2014 PROPOSED MONTHLY OUTREACH CALENDAR
(First Sunday of each month)**

January	Wood for Warmth
February	Free Clinic of Franklin County
March	Grace House on the Mountain
April	Scholarship for Sudanese student
May	Panther Pack Program
June	Phoebe Needles Camp Scholarship
July	Helping Hands of Franklin County
August	Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center
September	Saint James Community Center
October	Support to Eliminate Poverty (STEP), Senior Meals Program
November	Heavenly Manna Food Bank
December	Christmas Families

Deadline is Sunday, April 6

I'd like to order _____ Easter Lilies at \$11.00 each

Total Paid: \$ _____ (make check payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild)

Purchased by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Please drop off form in the Parish Hall or mail to Kelley Beyer, 637 Timberline Rd,
Copper Hill, VA 24079.

SAINT PETER'S-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS PRAYER LIST

MARCH 2014

Ella Nix	David Gumper	C. I. Dillon
Ben Golomiski	Louise Richardson	Lisa Whitlock
Susan Smith	Brandon Grimes Whited	Ina Quinn
Tom Smith	Lindsay Marie Shelton	Loretta Mason
Elly Fleming	Gail Malishaucki	Gladys Stanger
Ray Bechtel	Claire Parker	The Kiser Family
Michael Bentley	Deniece Burnette	Deborah Yancy
Lovell Najari	Hazel Hamilton	Reva Goode
Vencil Selvage	Barry & Betty Hood	Diane Holliman
Stanley Prokopriak	Mia Walk-Hardy	Marge Cook
Kate and Mac McCalley	Jami Stanley	David Ravita
John & Hazel Pendleton	Kirsten Stanley	Linda Thomas

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

We pray 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.

SPECIAL FLOWERS

On Sunday, April 27, the flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary C. Prillaman by Lisa Whitlock.

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact Rev. John Heck at jheck@gmail.com or 483-1518.

PARTICIPATION CALENDAR – MARCH 2014

April	Readings	Lector	Chalice	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Children's Chapel
6 Link	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Carolyn Thomas	Christy IZard Martha Perry	Berhan Grimes-Whited	Pat Newcombe Christina DiEeno	Hailu Grimes-Whited Peter Heck
13 Link	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66	Lana Whited	Pat Newcombe Katherine Grimes	Benton Heck	Danene Bernard Lisa Willie Regina Sigmon	Peter Heck Berhan Grimes-Whited
17 Link	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35		Deb Durant John Kirsch		Shelby DeHart	
20 Link	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Dave Newcombe	Dave Newcombe John Kirsch	Hailu Grimes-Whited	Patricia Rushmore Deb Durant	Berhan Grimes-Whited Benton Heck
27 Link	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Katherine Grimes	Bob Pohlad Carolyn Thomas	Peter Heck	Sherri Custer	Benton Heck Hailu Grimes-Whited
4 Link	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Carl Durant	Charlotte Hubbard Delia Heck	Berhan Grimes-Whited	Christy IZard Kelley Beyer	Hailu Grimes-Whited Peter Heck

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Andy Buckman Center for Lifelong Learning	9	10	11	12 Spring Cleaning
13 Palm Sunday Benton Heck Bob Pohlrad	14	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Is your birthday incorrect or missing? Please let us know: hawleyknob@gmail.com or 365-2992.

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)

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