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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

Presiding Bishop joins call for National Day of Mourning on June 1, and invites Episcopalians to honor COVID-19 victims this weekend. Check this link for more information!

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/05/27/presiding-bishop-joins-call-for-national-day-of-mourning-on-june-1-invites-episcopalians-to-honor-covid-19-victims-this-weekend>



REGATHERING FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP - The Plan is in Progress

The Vestry met Wednesday evening via Zoom Meeting and decided we will plan regather for in person worship on the lawn of Saint Peter's June 14 at 10:00 a.m. if the following conditions occur:

1. There is a downward trending of new cases of COVID-19 in Virginia and Franklin County.
2. The guidelines from the CDC indicate it is safe to regather.
3. The Governor's Office allows in-person worship services to be held.
4. Phase 2 is in effect.

As of today, conditions 2 and 3 have been met, although they are subject to change. There will be many new and strange procedures that will need to be followed for us to attend church. Some will make sense to us, others will not. The service will be abbreviated, and different in many ways to what we have been accustomed. The Vestry is working to finalize a list of protocols to be followed for in person worship. They will be emailed in advance of June 14.

In considering when and how to regather, the Vestry has read and discussed a great deal of material provided by the CDC, the Virginia Department of Health, Governors Northam's Office, and directives and guidelines from the Diocese.

Our primary concern is for the health and well-being of the congregation. Your health and safety is more important than my church attendance. If we take seriously what we pray, preach, and proclaim Sunday after Sunday, we are our brother and sisters keeper, and recognize what I do effects those around me.

Faithfully yours - John



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHELBY

If Sunday, May 31, is a good driving day, you might consider driving to Shelby DeHart's house to wish her a Happy 78th Birthday. In addition, you might want to send her a card with a note of support.

WHEN: Sunday, May 31, from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

WHERE: 2044 Five Mile Mtn. Road; Callaway, Virginia 24067

WHAT: Pull in the driveway, wait your turn, drive up to the garage, wave, offer your love and best wishes, and head then home (or go to Dairy Queen and get yourselves a treat for doing something nice for someone else).

NOTE: Please stay in your car. They would rather you not bring a gift.



Brent, Shelby and Billy

The Peace of Wild Things

by Wendell Berry

(contributed by Christina Di Eno)

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.



ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE AT SAINT PETER'S!!

We now have a new avenue for contributions for those who prefer making their donations online. You can now contribute toward your Annual Pledge, donate to the Endowment Fund, the outreach fund, or make a contribution to the operating fund, all online and without a stamp!

Click on this link to give it a try:

<https://tinyurl.com/Donate2SP>



If you prefer to send a check, please mail it to either:

Nancy Bradley

55 Tyree Street

Rocky Mount, VA 24151

OR

Saint Peter's

65 Rock Ridge Road

Callaway, VA 24067

The Center for Lifelong Learning will have its next program by Zoom Meeting on June 9th at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Susan Mead will present, "Social Issues in Appalachian Culture." Information on how to join the Zoom Meeting will be forthcoming. There is no cost to participate! Please join us and invite a friend.

OF INTEREST ... Mark and Mary Jane Akerman live in Thomasville, NC, but attend Saint Peter's when they are at their Floyd residence. The link below takes you to a story about Mary Jane's mom and how she is dealing with the disruption that the pandemic has brought to our lives.

<https://hpenews.com/news/15588/senior-resident-makes-marathon-focus-of-isolation>



Mowing Schedule

Looks like we're good through June, but we want to make sure no one feels left out. Just pull out your talking machine, dial 493-5333 and ask to speak with a gentleman named Danny. He'll be sure to set you up with a date to mow in July, August, September, October ... you get the picture.

June 4: Gary

June 11: Paul S.

June 18: Danny

June 25: Gary

WORDS OF WISDOM

The Cracked Pot

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole that he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house.

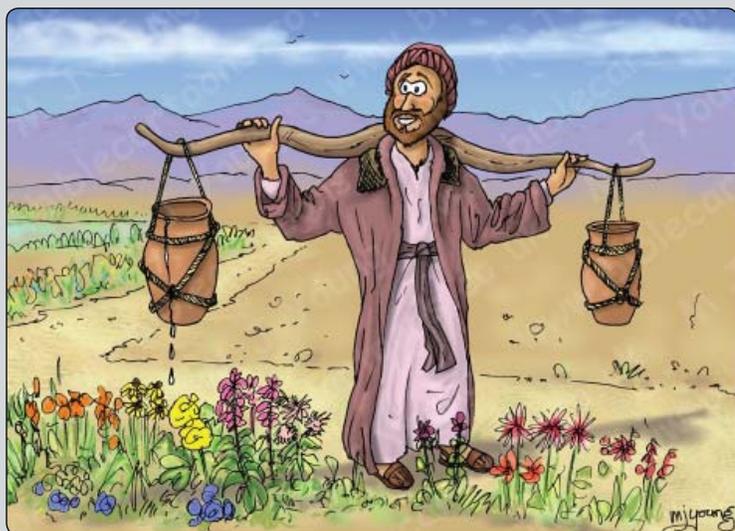
Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers on your side of the path but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

From <http://varietyreading.carlsguides.com>



Don and Carol Osborne



Fair and Denny Robey



Jack and Andy Buckman



Pat and Dave Newcombe

SERVICE CALENDAR – June 2020

Readings

Lector

Chalice

Altar Guild

Acolyte

Children's
Chapel

May 31 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
Psalm 104:25-35, 37



June 7 First Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
Psalm 8



Happy one-year anniversary to Samantha and Drew Holden on June 8.

June 14 Second Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1, 10-17
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)



June 21 Third Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39



June 28 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42



Allison and Eli Harl will both celebrate birthdays in June.



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



June Birthdays

- 2 Taylor Holden
- 4 Leslie Holden
- 7 Samantha Simms
- 8 Frances Kuhlbars
- 15 Lucas Simms
- 19 Eli Harl
- 21 Jim Bier
- 30 Allison Harl

June Anniversaries

- 8 Samantha & Drew Holden (2019)
- 9 Helen and Sam Campbell (1962)
- 9 Emily & Matthew Standberry (2010)
- 16 Leslie and Gary Holden (1990)
- 26 Linda & Larry Sigmon (1969)

2020 JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

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)

PRAYER LIST – June 2020

Susan Blankenship	Sandy Grice
Sam Litton	Glenda Pendleton
Robert Chugden	Christina Roudabush
Denise Ellis	Linda Sigmon
Sara Bier	Cindy Swinehart
Susan Bentley	Linda Thomas
Brad Bernard	Eli Sydow
David Hughes	Hazel Pendleton
Jane Pohlad	Betty Hood
John Makuei	Brian Bernard
Jamie Stanley	Bob Holden
Linda Green	Joe Puzycki
Becky Hughes	Patsy Hubbard
Shelby DeHart	Adam Johnson

Help us O Lord, to put all our trust in your mercy and love. Give comfort to the sick and dying, and strengthen their families with your Holy Spirit. Help us to seek out and find ways, in our own day, to love and serve our neighbor; remembering especially those who lives and livelihoods are threatened by the COVID-19 virus. Amen.

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.

If you'd like to share something in next week's Weekly Update or a future monthly newsletter, please send it to Gary at gholden@ferrum.edu.



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Zoom Weekly Meetings

Sundays - Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays - Bible Study at Noon
Friday - "What's On Your Mind" at 5:00 p.m.



Meeting ID: 388 885 5255
Password: 803568
OR
Dial by your location:
646-558-8656 US (New York)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3888855255?pwd=YWUxZ3IHSXR3SkRwditUTzVxU0RvQT09>

