

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Congratulations and thanks to our newly elected Vestry officers:

- Senior Warden: Bob Pohlad
- Junior Warden: Danny Custer
- Treasurer: Nancy Bradley
- Vestry Clerk: Lana Whited

Still a few weeks out but here are a couple notes about Lent, Holy Week and Easter...

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - March 5th
- Ash Wednesday - March 6th
- First Sunday of Lent - March 10th
- Palm Sunday - April 14th
- Maundy Thursday - April 18th
- Good Friday - April 19th
- Easter Day - April 21st

Thank you to the Juanita Hodges and the Hecks for hosting the Annual Epiphany Party in January! The food was delicious and the company was great! Thanks to everyone who attended for helping to carry on the tradition!

The next program of the Center for Lifelong Learning at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 10:00 a.m. The program will be “It Only Takes One” with Jane Warren. Please call the Center at 483-1518 to make a reservation by Friday, Feb. 8.

We’re still missing several birthdays. If we have not been posting them for someone in your family, please send them along to Gary Holden and he’ll be sure to add them to the list and begin including them in the Rock Church News. Thanks.

2019 Proposed St. Peters Outreach Calendar

(Sunday, Feb. 3, is outreach Sunday)

January	Callaway Pack a Sack Program
February	Free Clinic of Franklin County
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
August	Ferrum Community Mission Center
Sept.	Heavenly Manna Food Bank
October	Grace House on the Mountain
November	Boys’ Home, Covington VA
December	Christmas Families

Please send March newsletter items by February 25 to Gary Holden at gholden@ferrum.edu.



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

Baptism of Francis Stansberry - January 6, 2019



On Sunday, January 6, Francis Oliver Stansberry was baptized at St. Peter's. Francis is the son of Emily & Matthew Stansberry, and the grandson of Frances & Rev. Ric Kuhlbars. The celebrants for the service were the Rev. John H. Heck and the Rev. Ric Kuhlbars. Ric is a retired United States Army chaplain, reaching the rank of colonel, and is a United Methodist clergyman.



L-R: Peter Heck, Rev. John H. Heck, Frances Kuhlbars, Emily Stansberry, Matthew Stansberry, Francis Stansberry, Rev. Ric Kuhlbars.



The children of St. Peter's observe Francis' baptism.

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

Whereas Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross, Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion by Rome. This is believed to have taken place in Roman occupied Jerusalem.

The Christian churches that observe Lent in the 21st century (and not all do significantly) use it as a time for prayer and penance. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favourite foods or smoking. Whatever the sacrifice it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

Why 40 days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.

The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.

Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.

Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

Why is it called Lent?

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.



The Color Purple

Purple is the symbolic colour used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals.

Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

East and West

Both the eastern and western churches observe Lent but they count the 40 days differently.

The western church excludes Sundays (which is celebrated as the day of Christ's resurrection) whereas the eastern church includes them.

The churches also start Lent on different days.

Western churches start Lent on the 7th Wednesday before Easter Day (called Ash Wednesday).

Eastern churches start Lent on the Monday of the 7th week before Easter and end it on the Friday 9 days before Easter. Eastern churches call this period the 'Great Lent'.

The last week of Lent is called Holy Week.

SERVICE CALENDAR – February 2019

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
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
Feb. 10	Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13] 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 LINK Luke 5:1-11 Psalm 138	Charlotte	Marilyn Martha	Danene	Zoe	Tyler
Feb. 17	Sixth Sunday After Epiphany Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 LINK Luke 6:17-26 Psalm 1	Mary	Dave Deb	Christina Pat R	Peter	Zoe
Feb. 24	Seventh Sunday After Epiphany Genesis 45:3-11, 15 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38 LINK Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42	Allison	Katherine Delia	Shelby	Tyler	Peter
Mar. 3	Last Sunday After Epiphany Exodus 34:29-35 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 LINK Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a] Psalm 99	Rob	Charlotte Pat N	Lisa Regina	Zoe	Tyler

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

February

- 1 Travis Pendleton
- 2 Patricia Rushmore
- 9 Deb Durant
- 12 Grace Campbell

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.

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.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 830)

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

Shannon Rosenblatt Linda Sigmon
Deb Durant Cindy Swinehart
Lana Whited Linda Thomas
Joe Puzycki Eli Sydow
Brian Bernard Jamie Stanley
Bob Holden Karen Zell
Elizabeth Miller Hazel Pendleton
Sara Bier Betty Hood
Christina Roudabush Carolyn Thomas
Glenda Pendleton Barbara Garst
Bill Chase 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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