

SAINT PETER'S-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS

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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, November 2

Outreach Sunday

Pledge Cards Due

Tuesday, November 4

Parish Hall, 5:00-6:00 pm

Adult Choir Practice

Saturday, November 8

Phoebe Needles Center, 10:00 am

“Aging with Grace & Good Humor”

Sunday, November 9

Birthday Sunday

UTO Ingathering

Tuesday, November 11

Phoebe Needles Center, 10:00 am

Center for Lifelong Learning

Sunday, November 23

Pageant Practice Begins

Antioch Church, 7:00 pm

**Callaway Community
Churches Thanksgiving Svc.**

Wednesday, November 26

Saint Peter’s, 7:00 pm

Advent Taizé Service

Thursday, November 27

Saint Peter’s, 10:00 am

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 30

Parish Hall, after service

**Family Advent Wreath Making
MDG Money Allocation**

Don’t forget to **CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS** for the end of Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, November 2. Spring Forward, Fall Back!

Please return your pledge card to the church in person or by mail by All Saints’ Sunday (November 2). The vestry will be finalizing the church budget at their November meeting.

Outreach Report. The plate offerings on the first Sunday of each month are designated to Outreach. In September, a total of \$177.00 was sent to Ferrum Community Mission Center to be used to stock the food pantry shelves with nutritious food for those in need.

Sunday, November 2 is Outreach Sunday. The collection will be for The Heavenly Manna Food Bank.

Heavenly Manna open its doors in 1991. It is operated by volunteer staff only; there are no salaried positions or rent to pay, which means more quality food gets to those in need.

In 2013 they averaged 521 families (1487 individuals) per month seeking food assistance, which is based on financial income guidelines established by the USDA. Families are limited to one box of food per month, which are sized for families of 1-3, and 4-7, and additional food is provided for families of 7 or more.

The hours are Mondays only, 10 am - 5 pm. They are located at 2333B South Main Street, Rocky Mount. Call 540-483-3923 (Mondays only) if you would like to assist or volunteer.

Without the community’s support there would be no food to distribute. They accept locally grown vegetables and fruit. You can volunteer, personally deliver a bag of food or a monetary donation on any Monday at the address above.

Please consider giving a monetary donation to this wonderful food bank on Outreach Sunday!

Sunday, November 9 is the Ingathering for the United Thank Offering. This year the UTO is celebrating its 125th Anniversary of providing assistance to ministries of the Episcopal Church both at home and abroad. Let's continue spreading the Gospel and reaching out to those in need by filling our Blue Boxes, while offering our thanks for all God's blessings, and bringing them to church for dedication on Sunday, November 9. There are still empty boxes at the church in case you need to fill it in a hurry. A check would also be gratefully accepted. As you put your coins into the Blue Box, remember, **"Our change changes lives."**

Practice for the Christmas Program will begin November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The program will be presented during the regular service on December 21.

The youth at Saint Peter's are putting together "exam treats" for Saint Peter's college students and Ferrum students who have been identified as Episcopalians. We will be filling shoeboxes for each student. If you would like to donate goodies for the boxes, please bring your items to church with you by November 23. Individually wrapped treats are best for distributing among the boxes. (Example: Little Debbie cakes instead of loose Oreo cookies) Home baked items would work best in baggies. If you'd like to help, some ideas of treats you might donate include:

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| Microwave Popcorn | Nuts | Cookies |
| Brownies | Hot Chocolate | Nabs |
| Mints/gum | Candy | Chocolate |
| Dried fruit | Raisins | Fruit chews or roll ups |
| Cereal bars | Granola/bars | Pop Tarts |

The Saint Peter's Thanksgiving Day service is November 27 at 10:00 a.m. Come as you are, and bring your families, neighbors, or out-of-town guests. Let us with grateful hearts give thanks to God for all our blessings!

You are invited to make an Advent Wreath for your home. Members of the Altar Guild will provide materials and assistance in making family Advent wreaths after church on Sunday, November 30. If you are interested, please sign up in the Parish Hall. There will be a nominal fee. See Shelby DeHart if you have any questions.

How will we contribute to the Millennium Development Goals? For the past four years, the tradition has been to allow the children and youth to allocate the funds set aside in our operating budget for the MDG. The amount budgeted for 2014 is \$450. The purpose of the MDG is to help with the eradication of poverty worldwide. Using the "Gifts Catalog" from Episcopal Relief and Development, the children and youth will discuss and decide how our congregation will spend the money. **Plan on staying after the service on Sunday, November 30.**

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 9 of the newsletter. Checks can be made payable to Saint Peter's Altar Guild. The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, December 7. See Kelley Beyer if you have any questions.

We will have adult choir practice on Tuesday, November 4, 5:00-6:00 pm. Children's music rehearsals will be on first and third Sundays, and Youth music rehearsals will be on second and fourth Sundays during Sunday School. **The choir also practices each Sunday morning at 9:30 am.** If you are interested in learning and singing along with the Offertory Anthem or the Communion Song during the worship service, please come!

The Altar Guild will decorate the church for Advent on Saturday, November 29, starting at 9:00 am. Please bring greenery!

The election of new Vestry members will take place Sunday, December 7. Nancy Bradley and Katherine Grimes will complete their term of service on December 31, 2014, 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.

We need volunteers to sign up for Coffee and Refreshments each Sunday. Please check the list in the Parish Hall and add your name if you can help out one Sunday.

Saint Peter's Endowment Fund – “Keeping the Rock Church Solid.” The Endowment Fund receives donations every month. These donations are memorials to loved ones, donations from Birthday Sunday, and other donations. The Fund is growing! Our thanks to all who have contributed.

Keeping Up with Our Commitment. Please remember that Saint Peter's depends on your pledge. If you have forgotten the amount of your pledge for 2014, please contact Christy IZARD at 651-8743 or izardc@swva.net. Thank you for your faithful giving!



Saturdays@Center. On Saturday, November 8, The Rev. Jane Siglohis, a retired Episcopal priest who has served churches in the dioceses of Connecticut and Southwestern Virginia, will present “Aging with Grace and Good Humor.” You are invited to arrive beginning at 9:30 am for coffee and refreshments. The program will begin at 10:00 am, lunch will be served at noon, and the seminar will conclude by 3:00 pm. The cost of each program, including lunch, is \$25.00.

The next Center for Lifelong Learning program at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, November 11 at 10:00 am. Dr. Ted Scott Henson will present “Thomas Day, A Master Cabinet Maker Ahead of His Time,” about a free man of color who started his own business building furniture in 1826. Please call the Center at 483-1518 by Friday, November 7 at noon. [Click here for the flyer.](#)

The **Callaway Community Churches** will gather for an annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23 at 7:00 pm. The service will be at Antioch Church of the Brethren. Food items and cash donations will be collected for the Callaway Pack-A-Sack program.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is coming. November 30 begins the first Sunday of the new Church year. In the Lectionary Cycle we begin using “Year B” which focuses on the Gospel of Mark. 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 Two”.

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.

During the season of Advent we will have a Wednesday evening Taizé service at the church at 7:00 pm. We regularly use Taizé music during communion during our Sunday worship service. The Taizé service will last about one hour, and focus on simple meditative music, silence, prayers, and scripture readings. The services will be November 26, December 3, 10, and 17. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! Anyone who wishes to be a participant in the service, please talk with John Heck.



Here stand we, strong, brave and free!

All nature's children fall asleep.

Man alone the watch can keep,

So we must watchful be!

For we know a secret old,

Precious more than gems and gold,

That in darkest winter night

We may seek the Christ Child's light.

D. Hancock

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

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Debbie Baroch	Susan Smith	Kirsten Stanley
Samantha Dieter	Ray Bechtel	C. I. Dillon
John Hayes	Lovell Najari	Lisa Whitlock
April VanDusen	Stanley Prokopriak	Helen Akers
Kyle Swinheart	John & Hazel Pendleton	Gladys Stanger
Tom Picone	Brandon Grimes Whited	The Kiser Family
Gary Stoneman	Lindsay Marie Shelton	Deborah Yancy
Bolling Izard	Claire Parker	Reva Goode
Cecile Konicki	Bryan Strong	Diane Holliman
Ben Golombisky	Deniece Burnette	Linda Thomas
Anne Garrison	Hazel Hamilton	Kate & Mac McCalley
Lori Sloan & Family	Barry & Betty Hood	David Gumpfer
Eddie Short	Mia Walk-Hardy	Louise Richardson
Katie Lusk	Jami Stanley	

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.

We pray for those serving in the military, particularly for those who are currently deployed and serving in harm's way. We remember especially Shawn Durant.

SPECIAL FLOWERS

On Sunday, November 2, the flowers that beautify the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of John & Minnie Guilliams and Clinton & Eva Custer by Nancy Bradley and Danny Custer.

On Sunday, November 9, the flowers that beautify the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Leslie Ann Osborne Shirley by Don and Carol Osborne.

On Sunday, November 16, the flowers that beautify the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our sons', Chis and Tim Pohlada-Thomas, birthdays by Drs. Carolyn Thomas and Bob Pohlada.

On Sunday, November 23, the flowers that beautify the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Drs. Claiborne T. Smith Sr. and Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. Milton Miller.

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact 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.

SERVICE CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2014

Nov.	Readings	Lector	Chalice	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Children's Chapel
2 Link	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	Carolyn Thomas	John Kirsch Christy Izard	Hailu Grimes-Whited	Danene Bernard Regena Sigmon Lisa Willie	Berhan Grimes-Whited Benton Heck
9 Link	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	Lana Whited	Dave Newcombe Pat Newcombe	Peter Heck	Kelley Beyer Christy Izard	Benton Heck Hailu Grimes-Whited
16 Link	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Katherine Grimes	Delia Heck Katherine Grimes	Berhan Grimes-Whited	Sharon Buckman	Hailu Grimes-Whited Peter Heck
23 Link	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	Martha Perry	Bob Pohlrad Carolyn Thomas	Benton Heck	Sherri Custer	Peter Heck Berhan Grimes-Whited
30 Link	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Dave Newcombe	Martha Perry Charlotte Hubbard	Hailu Grimes-Whited	Christina DiEno Pat Newcombe	Berhan Grimes-Whited Benton Heck
Dec. 7 Link	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Pat Newcombe	John Kirsch Deb Durant	Peter Heck	Deb Durant Patricia Rushmore	Benton Heck Hailu Grimes-Whited

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Outreach Sun. Pledge Cards Due	3	4 Choir Practice 5-6 pm	5	6 Milton Miller	7	8 Saturdays @Center
9 UTO Ingathering Birthday Sun.	10 Danene Bernard	11 Center for Lifelong Learning	12	13 Shannon Simms	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Jeff Bernard	21	22
23 Pageant Practice Starts	24	25	26 Advent Taizé Service 7 pm	27 Thanksgiving Service 10 am	28	29
30 First Sunday of Advent						

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)

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Deadline is Sunday, December 7

I'd like to order _____ Poinsettias at \$10.00 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,
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