



**SAINT PETER'S
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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

Franklin County (FC) FaithNetwork is attempting to meet the needs of folks in Franklin County by matching needs with resources using a Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/fcfaithnetwork/?ref=br_rs

The need could be anything from transportation to a medical appointment or the grocery, help with funds for rent, medication, electric bills, etc. You can scroll through the needs and respond or not, respond once, whatever you are willing and able to do.

Juanita Custer made this suggestion for anyone with sewing skills: You can buy fabric at fabric stores like - Joann Fabrics, Michael's, Floyd School House, Boone Country Store (Burnt Chimney).

Fabric- Should be 100% cotton fat quarters. Pattern - On Joann's web site - joann.com.

The ties should be 18" - 20" long, and made like bias tape, or out of the same fabric as the mask.



Here is a medical mask how-to YouTube video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgHrnS6n4iA>

Any medical facility will accept the masks after they are made - ie, Ferrum, Floyd, Rocky Mount, etc. They will sterilize the mask after it is made and deliver to one of the local medical facilities.

Please help out the church by sending you pledge to:

Nancy Bradley
55 Tyree Street
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

or

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
65 Rock Ridge Road
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If you'd like to share something in next week's Weekly Update or a future monthly newsletter, please send it to Gary Holden at ggholden@ferrum.edu.

Last week in a Zoom meeting with clergy, the Bishop announced that there will be no in person gatherings for services during Holy Week or on Easter. It is his wish that everyone tune into the Presiding Bishop preaching at the National Cathedral.

Sunday April 5th is Palm and Passion Sunday. As you know we normally begin with the Liturgy of the Palms at Phoebe Needles and parade up the hill to the church. In place of the regular Gospel reading we read the Passion Narrative, this year from the Gospel of Matthew. We will not have this service this year. There will however be palm cross that have been blessed for anyone who wants to stop by the church and pick one up!

Thursday April 9th is Maundy Thursday. In past years we have begun with a simple supper, followed by the Maundy Thursday Liturgy (foot washing, Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar). My hope is to have a Zoom service that will be recorded and emailed to everyone.

Friday April 10th is Good Friday. You are invited to come to the Phoebe Needles Center and walk the Stations of the Cross in the woods behind the Community Center building. The bishop has invited everyone to watch a service he will be doing at Christ Church, Roanoke. The time and information to get to the link is not yet available.

The lessons for all of these services will be at the church and available for anyone who would like to stop by. The church is open, and you are invited to spend time there during the week. It is an amazing spot to meditate, pray, or just be quiet for a time. Please use hand sanitizer on the way in and out. Sign the guest book to let us know you stopped by. Please make sure the door is fully closed when you leave.

We shared our first RCN Weekly News last week. This gives us 3-4 opportunities between monthly newsletters to share information with each other. Stories, quick tips, recipes, fun facts, inspirational messages ... send them to Gary by Wednesday at gholden@ferrum.edu.



The Group of Frogs
Inspirational Short Story



As a group of frogs was traveling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them.

However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying and they proceeded to try and jump out of the pit. Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up. That they would never make it out.

Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die.

He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?"

The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him tall along.

www.wealthygorilla.com

This poem comes from Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church (Richmond). It was written more than 100 years ago:

Everyone Sang

Everyone suddenly burst out singing;
And I was filled with such delight
As prisoned birds must find in freedom
Winging wildly across the white
Orchards and dark green fields; on; on;
and out of sight.

Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted,
And beauty came like the setting sun.
My heart was shaken with tears and horror
Drifted away ... O but every one
Was a bird; and the song was wordless;
the singing will never be done.

St. Peter's-in-the-Mountains Outreach

The Outreach Program is changing the way we contribute to local charities for the coming year 2020. We will no longer pass the plate on the first Sunday of the month for a designated charity. Instead, we have six opportunities this year to make a difference in our community by donating items on the wish list of local organizations. Trinity Episcopal Church and Phoebe Needles, Inc. will be following the same plan and joining forces with our congregation.

In March, we will collect much needed paper products for the Stepping Stone Food Mission. This organization serves 18,000 hot meals per year. We will collect paper plates, paper towels, napkins, plastic utensils, dish soap and hand soap.

May's outreach will benefit the Faith Network. We will collect breakfast bars, peanut butter, fruit juice boxes, soup, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, cereal, coffee, oatmeal, tuna, instant mashed potatoes, rice, raisins, crackers and hamburger helper. In July we will be asking the congregation to bring office supplies needed for the Free Clinic of Franklin County. This clinic provides over \$ 2.5 million dollars in primary healthcare services at no charge to needy members in our community.

The volunteer opportunities are more of a medical expertise variety. However, we can help them by collecting copy paper, stamps, facial tissues, Lysol spray, bath tissue, tall trash bags, hand sanitizer, C batteries, 9V batteries, cleaning supplies, distilled water, paper towels, liquid soap refills and large black trash bags.

For September, we ask you to bring in gently used women's, men's and children's clothing for the Ferrum Community Mission. This mission serves over 4000 people in a year, providing bags of food, clothing and toiletries not covered by Food Stamps.

Donate to The Bishop's Dollar Fund

This year during the season of Lent, Bishop Bourlakas extends his annual invitation to reflect on our discipleship in Jesus' name. As you journey through the 40 days of Lent, we encourage support of The Bishop's Dollar Fund to continue to address a variety of initiatives and needs throughout the diocese not otherwise covered through our annual program budget. You may send donations to the Diocesan Office made payable to The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern VA with "Bishop's Dollar" in the memo line. Mail to: Attn: Bishop's Dollar Fund, PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009. Or, donate online at dioswva.org/online-giving.html.

We will collect canned food items in November for the Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center's annual drive. This organization has been serving Franklin County since 1993 and promotes the wellbeing of children through treatment, advocacy, prevention and education. Each year they collect food for the police departments of Franklin County to distribute during the holiday season. The December Christmas family program will continue as it has in past years.

Our church will be working together with Trinity Episcopal Church and Phoebe Needles, Inc. All three outreach programs will be collecting the items for donation and will deliver the items together. In addition to these collections, Outreach will be looking for at least four hands on projects in the community during 2020. As many of you are aware, the Outreach Program has a yearly budget of \$5000.

Please see the following table which illustrates how the program plans to spend the money. During months when we collect wish list items, the outreach program may purchase additional items or present a check to the charity for the amount allocated.

On months where there is no item collection, the amount allocated will be a check sent to the charity. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to contact Marilyn Rodgers.

	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jan.	Wood for Warmth	\$100
Feb.	Callaway Pack A Sack	\$300
March	Stepping Stone Mission	\$200
April	Ferrum Panther Pack	\$300
May	Heavenly Manna	\$200
June	Phoebe Needles	\$300
July	Free Clinic of Franklin Co.	\$200
Aug.	Helping Hands	\$200
Sept.	Ferrum Comm. Mission	\$200
Oct.	Boy's Home	\$200
Nov.	So. VA Child Advocacy	\$300
Dec.	Christmas Families	\$350
	ER&D	\$1,000
	<u>Easter Egg Hunt</u>	<u>\$600</u>
	Total:	\$ 4,450

SERVICE CALENDAR – April 2020

Children's
Chapel

Readings

Lector

Chalice

Altar Guild

Acolyte

Apr.5 **Palm Sunday**
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14- 27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Psalm 31:9-16

LINK

Apr. 12 **Easter**
Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

LINK

Apr. 19 **Second Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14a,22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
Psalm 16

LINK

Apr. 26 **Third Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14a,36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

LINK

May 3 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
Psalm 23

LINK



Benton Heck turns 21 on April 13. It's rumored that his friend Crusty never saw another birthday.

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 (hodges_juanita@yahoo.com) know if you would like to participate in this group.



April Birthdays

- 8 Andy Buckman
- 13 Benton Heck
- Bob Pohlad
- 15 Rob Crow
- 30 Stephanie Pendleton

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	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 – April 2020

Janet Vadese	Christina Roudabush
Sara Bier	Linda Sigmon
Susan Bentley	Cindy Swinehart
Brad Bernard	Linda Thomas
David Hughes	Eli Sydow
Jane Pohlard	Hazel Pendleton
John Makuei	Betty Hood
Jamie Stanley	Brian Bernard
Craig Griffin	Bob Holden
Linda Green	Joe Puzycki
Mary Haley	Leland Southard
Becky Hughes	Patsy Hubbard
Shelby DeHart	Adam Johnson
Sandy Grice	Denise Ellis
Glenda Pendleton	

We pray Lord God that you might bestow upon us all a sense of calm as the world to which we have been accustomed seems to be turning upside down. May the events occurring in the world, and in our country, remind us of a dependence on you alone.

Let us pray for those who are sick with the COVID-19 virus and for those who live in fear of contracting the virus. Help us to continue to find ways, in the midst of this new reality, to love and serve our neighbor; remembering especially those who will be medically and financially impacted more severely than many of us. 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.



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Zoom With Us

Think about joining us for our next Zoom church social. We had a great time last Friday, with about a dozen families with us on the call.

Zoom, not to be confused with the 1970s television show ... and way more fun! Also a great way to take your mind off being quarantined, gives you a break from watching Netflix and counting rolls of toilet paper.

