

SAINT PETER'S IN-THE-MOUNTAINS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday Service 10:00 am
Church School 11:15 am

"To embody Christ's teaching in appropriate ways for serving the community, the nation, and the world."

News, Notes & Faces



Bob Pohlad, Emeritus Professor of Biology, Horticulture, & Environmental Science at Ferrum College, was recently honored with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. Bob taught at Ferrum for 41 years before retiring in 2018. Since 1890, the award has been presented to college students, faculty, staff and civic leaders who have distinguished themselves through service to others and their communities.



Katherine Grimes, current Ferrum College Professor of English, recently was honored with the Sam Lionberger, Jr. Trustee Award. The award is for excellence in being a positive role model, teacher, scholar, and collaborator for students, colleagues and community. Katherine has taught at the College for 31 years. This is the inaugural year of the award, which is named for Sam Lionberger, a trustee emeritus.

Helping Hands of Franklin County

St. Peter's Outreach focus for July-September is Helping Hands of Franklin County. Helping Hands of Franklin County's mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to help meet the needs of Franklin County citizens.

Is Helping Hands a new organization? Helping Hands was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency November 14, 1994. Its founder, Thomas K. Boyle, served as Director from that date until November, 2001, when Sam Campbell succeeded him. Our Director as of 2018 is Kay Saleeby.

Who works at Helping Hands? Helping Hands is staffed by volunteer citizens of Franklin County and is governed by a Board of Directors representing a cross section of business and professional individuals living and working in the County. Over the years, Helping Hands has provided financial assistance and counseling for thousands of county residents who found themselves needing emergency aid.

What are typical emergency expenses?

- electric bill termination notices
- rent or mortgage issues
- heating fuel
- prescription medication
- other emergency needs

Do clients get a blank check? We never write checks to clients. Funds are paid directly to whom the money is owed. At the moment our maximum help is \$200.00, which is often supplemented by other agencies, especially the Salvation Army. We will see a client (or their immediate family members) only once every 18 months. If we cannot cover a bill, the client must cover the remainder before we will pay our part.

What else happens? In addition, we provide financial counseling to each client. We also reach out or provide information to other organizations if the client needs other services. We treat our clients with dignity and respect.

Where do funds come from?

- Individual donations
- Contributions from churches and civic clubs
- Franklin County Board of Supervisors
- Town of Rocky Mount
- Grants and fund-raising efforts
- Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour (when eligible and selected)

Helping Hands Wish List

Volunteers for our SML Charity Home Tour on Oct. 6,7,8 (See information below)

Office supplies – COPY PAPER, stamps, sticky notes, pens, paper clips

Coffee supplies for the office staff and volunteers– Ground coffee, Mr. Coffee type filters, cups, stirrers, sugar, sweetener, creamer

Snacks and drinks for the SML Home Tour to feed our volunteers

Gift cards to grocery stores for \$25.00 or \$50.00. Note: Helping Hands is not allowed to give money directly to clients. For emergencies such as medications, baby formula or food needed at a time when free clinics or food banks are closed, clients may be given small denomination gift cards to food stores or pharmacies.

Books and blocks for the children who come to our office with their parents.

Donations can be brought to St. Peters throughout July, August and September.

Sally works at a local fast food restaurant. When we met Sally she was living in her car. She was working full time and trying to save up enough money to rent a small house in Boones Mill. Sally had enough money for the rent but not the down payment. She just couldn't swing it. We called the landlord and made arrangements for us to pay her downpayment. We reached out to a local church and one of our donors to cover her bill. Sally was overcome with gratitude and cried many joyful tears when we told her the downpayment was covered. Sally was known to Helping Hands staff, who knew that her mother died when she was young and that Sally had basically raised herself. There was always a lot of anger in Sally as a young child, but she was out there trying to make it on her own. We gave her a chance to live in a decent place and to continue to feel some pride that she was making it.

Mary came into our office with a bandage around her neck. You could see that there was a cut under the bandage. Without going into too much detail, Mary was in a very abusive relationship. Her boyfriend is now in jail and Mary needed help with her electric bill. After she was attacked by her boyfriend, she had a heart attack. She works full time, but the doctor has not released her to go back to her job. Mary was behind on her AEP bill and with the help of the Salvation Army and a nearby church we were able to pay her termination bill and bring her up to date. Mary is now in a safe location and hopefully will continue in a more stable life.

Hands-on Volunteer Opportunities:

1) Charity Home Tour Volunteers:

Send an email to helpinghandsfc@stepincva.com with name, email, phone and where you want to work. Choices include house, dock (need some experience with boats), parking. Dates and times available are Oct. 6 or 7 morning 9:15 am to 1:30 pm or afternoon 12:15-5:00 pm, and Oct. 8 afternoon 12:15-5:00 pm.

2) Volunteer intake interviewers:

Helping Hands volunteer staff interview clients to help determine their eligibility. Volunteers attend training, observe an experienced volunteer and conduct at least one interview with staff support before working on their own. Volunteers may also act in a receptionist role at the front desk.

Volunteers schedule themselves based on their availability. Schedules are posted monthly and there are no minimum hours required. Helping Hands conducts interviews only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am-noon.



Phoebe Needles Center Projects

Recently, many folks have come together to help spruce things up at the Phoebe Needles Center. The photos here show the decking having been redone on the platform out in front of PNC, a restocking of craft supplies and a freshly repainted restroom. Many thanks to all those who spent time helping out this summer.



Photos by Charlotte Hubbard



Thank you for supporting the Haitian and Equal Exchange Farmers by purchasing products at our Haiti Fair Trade Coffee Tea and Chocolate Sale. June proceeds were slightly over \$1,000 and went to the support of these farmers. St. Peter's contributes around 10% of these sales. Special thanks to Joanne Hawley for keep us updated with this important ministry.

OLN Haiti Equal Exchange
August SALE
August 19-20
Buy
Coffee. Tea. Chocolates!



News, Notes & Faces



On Sunday, September 17, we will have a joint worship service at St. Peter's in-the-Mountains, followed by a picnic at Phoebe Needles with Trinity Rocky Mount. Please plan to join us. More info will be in the September newsletter.



August 2023

SERVICE CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>		<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Aug. 6	The Transfiguration	LINK	Charlotte	Kelley	Sammi
Aug. 13	Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost	LINK	Allison	Sharon	Lucas
Aug. 20	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost	LINK	Pat	Danene	Grace
Aug. 27	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost	LINK	Dave	Maureen	Zoe
Sept. 3	Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost	LINK	Bob	Danene	Sammi



Margie and Rob Wiltshire said "I Do" 40 years ago August 15.



Delia Heck, seen here waiting patiently for her Aug. 24 birthday.



Mary and Mark Akerman celebrate their 39th anniversary on Aug. 24. Mark also has a birthday this month.

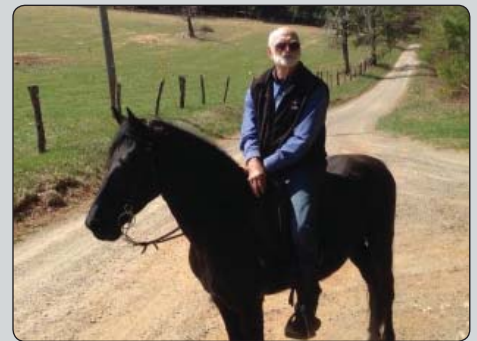
August Birthdays

- 1 Peter Heck
- 8 Don Osborne
- 11 Danny Custer
- 13 Erin Bernard
- 14 Christy IZard, Dave Newcombe
- 24 Delia Heck, Asa Stevens, Mark Akerman
- 26 Drew Holden
- 30 Emily Willie

August Anniversaries

- 15 Margie & Rob Wiltshire (1983)
- 24 Mary and Mark Akerman (1984)

Rumor has it Don Osborne plans to stirrup some trouble for his birthday on August 8.



Peter Heck (left), Emily Willie (center with mom Lisa) and Danny Custer (right) all celebrate birthdays in August.

PRAYER LIST – August 2023

Molly Sloan	Helen Puckett
Sandy Holden	Kelley Beyer
Larry Sigmon	Linda Sigmon
Melvin Clark	Rob & Margie Wiltshire
Fred Sloan	Cleo Sigmon
Jen Saleeba	Larissa Fezell
Brent Younts	Cindy Swinehart
Tom Newcombe	Kitten Guilliams
Gene Herrick	Nancy Bradley
Carol Osborne	Helen Campbell
Sara Bier	Dana Ellis
Jaxon Akerman	Michael Riley
Ken Cullen	Sam Campbell
Ed Bowman	Jamie Stanley
Anne Fetner	Linda Green
Steve Swinehart	Sandy Grice
Carol Ann Wade	Glenda Pendleton

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.

The grass at St. Peter's continues to **GROW** and we still need folks willing to help **MOW**. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board, so please sign up, let's **GO**. Thanks.



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SAINT PETER'S PRAYER & CARE TEAM

We include in the Prayers of the People each Sunday the names of those people in need of prayer who have made known to the church. As a way of keeping those names before us in prayer, we also have a Prayer Chain at Saint Peter's. This is a group of people who commit to praying for each person on our prayer list on a daily basis. The Prayer Chain updates the list, writing occasional notes to those in our prayers, and relaying needs that might be met by the congregation. The group may also meet occasionally for prayer and discussion.

Please contact Juanita Custer, our Prayer and Care Team coordinator, at hodges_juanita@yahoo.com if you would like to participate.