

SAINT PETER'S IN THE MOUNTAINS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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."

NEWS & NOTES

The 15th Annual Yuletide Festival & 100th Anniversary Celebration of Saint Peter's Church building will be at the Phoebe Needles Center on Saturday, December 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please bring your friends and family, as well as a potluck dish to be shared. As usual we will have some caroling along with a presentation of the history of Saint Peter's.



The annual Saint Peter's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 19, in the sanctuary during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour. This year, the youth and younger children along with some supportive adults will present the Christmas story.

Poinsettias ... The deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday, December 12th. The cost is \$10 per poinsettia. To place an order, please contact Kelley Beyer at kelley@swva.net.

Blessing of the new Advent Wreath and Candles will be Sunday December 5th at the beginning of the service.

The next Community Celtic Worship service is Sunday December 5th at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for a beautiful candlelight service.



Vestry Elections ... Andy Buckman and Maureen Roudabush have agreed to be nominated for the Vestry. Because we lacked a quorum on 11/28, we will hold the election on December 5th at the end of the service. Please thank Danny Custer and Patirck Nix who will complete their term of service on December 31, 2021.

The new Aumbry for Saint Peter's will be dedicated and blessed on Sunday December 26th, 2021 at the Eucharist. You may ask: "What's an Aumbry? A cupboard or secure receptacle in/on the side wall of the sanctuary or sacristy. Aumbries traditionally have been used to keep sacred vessels, books, reliquaries, and oils for anointing. Aumbries may also be used for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament. (Glossary definitions provided courtesy of Church Publishing Incorporated, New York, NY, (All Rights reserved) from "An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians," Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, editors.)

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Endowment Fund

"Keeping the Rock Church Solid." The Saint Peter's Endowment Fund receives donations every month; memorials to loved ones, 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 2021, please contact Lisa Whitlock at: LEwhitlock@embarqmail.com. If you are mailing your check to the church, please send it to:

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We are looking to add to the number of Lectors to participate in the worship service by reading the scripture lessons. If you are willing to read from time to time, please contact Dave Newcombe at 365-7157 or dnewcombe@ferrum.edu.

SERVICES ...

We continue to watch and monitor the best practices regarding the spread of COVID-19, and will adjust according to recommendations from the CDC and orders from the Virginia governor's office.

For now, as we move forward into the fall and winter, the wearing of masks, passing the peace, and receipt of communion will be entirely up to each person to determine their own level of comfort. Communion is with bread only.

The Episcopal Church considers the receipt of one of the elements (bread or wine) to be all that is necessary for full communion. If you are not comfortable drinking from the common cup or intincting, you are not in any way obligated or compelled to do so regardless of what others in the congregation are doing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rev. John Heck.



SAINT PETER'S PRAYER & CARE TEAM

We include in the Prayers of the People each Sunday the names of those in need of prayer that you have made known to the church. As a way of keeping those names before us in prayer, those on the Prayer & Care Team also offer daily prayers, and send cards. You are invited to join this group of people who are willing to commit to praying for each person on our prayer list on a daily basis. If you are interested in joining the Prayer & Care Team, or would like more information, please contact Juanita Custer (hodges_juanita@yahoo.com) or call 540-588-3655.



DECEMBER 2021

SERVICE CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u> (details in LINK)		<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Dec. 5	Second Sunday of Advent	LINK	Rob	Sharon	Sammi
Dec. 12	Third Sunday of Advent	LINK	Katherine	Danene	Lucas
Dec. 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent	LINK	Allison	Maureen/Marilyn	Grace
Dec. 26	First Sunday After Christmas	LINK	Charlotte	TBA	Zoe
Jan. 2	Second Sunday After Christmas	LINK	Gary	Lisa/Regina	Sammi



Pete Crow celebrates another birthday after Christmas.



The Simms family will celebrate Matthew's next birthday on December 23

BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 | Zoe Nix | 23 | Matthew Simms |
| 10 | Ursala Stevens | 26 | Pete Crow |
| 21 | Christina DiEno | 31 | Ella Nix |



PRAYER LIST -- December 2021

Cindy Swinehart	Helen Campbell
Craig Griffin	Dana Ellis
Debra Connolly	Michael Riley
Billy DeHart	Sam Campbell
Rob & Margie Wiltshire	Carol Osborne
Meagan Roop	John Malukei
Linda Sigmon	Jamie Stanley
Larissa Feazell	Linda Green
Frances Kuhlbars	Sandy Grice
Matt Foutz	Glenda Pendleton
Joe Mitchell	Linda Sigmon
Lorraine Roberts	Hazel Pendleton
Nancy Bradley	Betty Hood
	Joe Puzycki

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.



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