

# SAINT PETER'S IN-THE-MOUNTAINS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## ROCK CHURCH NEWS

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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



*Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*



**THANKS TO THE COOKS AND SERVERS AT THE SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**, especially Paul Simms, Colton Roudabush, Julian Barnes, Danny Custer and Grace Campbell, Dean Atkins, and Eli Harl. Thanks to everyone who attended. Check out the attached photos!

Gluten Free wafers are now available! Please email John Heck to let him know if you are gluten free and would like to receive a gluten free wafer when you come forward for communion.

The next Center for Lifelong Learning program is March 12th at 10:00 a.m. The speaker will be Angie Dribben, an artist, writer, book reviewer, editor and hog farmer. See flyer on page 5.





The Callaway Community Churches Easter Sunrise service is March 31st will be at the Callaway Community Cemetery at 6:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at Piedmont Presbyterian Church. Piedmont Presbyterian Church will host a continental breakfast following the service.

Easter Service at Saint Peter's is March 31st be at 10:00 a.m. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for Outreach for the children 0 to 5, and 6 to 10 years old following the service. Parents are asked to bring an Easter basket with candy-filled eggs for their children that can be hidden by the teens following the service.

Sunday March 24th is Palm Sunday and The Passion. You are invited to join us at the Phoebe Needles Center at 10 a.m. as we begin our worship service with the Liturgy of the Palms, and parade up the hill to the church. You are also welcome to wait in the church if you would like to pass on the hike up the hill. In place of the regular Gospel reading, we will read the Passion Narrative, this year from the Gospel of Mark. Anyone willing to read a part in the Passion Narrative should contact John Heck.

Thursday March 28th is Maundy Thursday. We will begin with a simple supper at Saint Peter's, followed by the Maundy Thursday Liturgy (foot washing, Celebration of the Last Supper (Holy Eucharist), and Stripping of the Altar). Please bring simple foods (soup, bread, cheese, fruit) to share for the meal.

Friday March 29th is Good Friday service is at 7 p.m. We will use the Stations of the Cross and Good Friday liturgy.

The Phoebe Needles Center has a beautiful Stations of the Cross walk and meditation area in the woods behind the Community Center building. You are invited to come anytime (but particularly between now and Easter) to enjoy this sacred space.

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A promotional flyer for Rada Cutlery. The top half features a photograph of a plate of baked cheese dip, a knife, crackers, and vegetables. The Rada Cutlery logo is in the upper right. Below the photo, the text reads "Fundraise with Rada! CATALOG, ONLINE OR BOTH". A green banner contains two checkmarks: "Earn 40% PROFIT for your group!" and "Products your supporters will LOVE!". Below that, another green banner says "75 years of experience helping fundraisers earn money!". The bottom section is titled "Black Handle Knives, Utensils, and Gift Sets Available Again!" and includes three small images of Rada products and a "PROUDLY MADE IN USA" logo with an American flag.

If anyone from Saint Peter's is interested in Rada Cutlery, please contact Lisa Compton at [lisa.willie@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.willie@yahoo.com). This is an Altar Guild fundraiser.

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# HOLY WEEK

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## LITURGICAL NOTES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

### PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast which always falls on the Sunday before Easter Sunday. The feast commemorates an event mentioned by all four Canonical Gospels Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19: the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before his Passion. It is also called Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

In many Christian churches, Palm Sunday is marked by the distribution of palm leaves (often folded into crosses) to the assembled worshippers.

According to the Gospels, before entering Jerusalem, Jesus was staying at Bethany and Bethphage, and the Gospel of John adds that he had dinner with Lazarus, and his sisters Mary and Martha. While there, Jesus sent two disciples to the village over against them, in order to retrieve a donkey that had been tied up but never been ridden, and to say, if questioned, that the donkey was needed by the Lord but would be returned. Jesus then rode the donkey into Jerusalem, with the Synoptics adding that the disciples had first put their cloaks on it, so as to make it more comfortable.

The Gospels go on to recount how Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and how the people there lay down their cloaks in front of him, and also lay down small branches of trees. The people sang part of Psalm 118 - ...Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father, David. ... (Psalms 118:25-26). Where this entry is supposed to have taken place is unspecified; some scholars argue that the Golden Gate is the likely location, since that was where it was believed the Jewish messiah would enter Jerusalem; other scholars think that an entrance to the south, which had stairs leading directly to the Temple, would be more likely.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

In the Christian calendar, Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday is the feast or holy day on the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. It is preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday.

On this day four events are commemorated: the washing of the Disciples' feet by Jesus Christ, the institution of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot. The morning celebration of these events marks the beginning of what is called the Easter Triduum or Sacred Triduum. The Latin word triduum means a three-day period, and the triduum in question is that of the three days from the death to the resurrection of Jesus. It should be noted that for Jesus and his followers a day ended, and a new day began, at sunset, not at midnight, as it still does today in the modern

Jewish calendar.[1] The Last Supper was held at what present day Western civilization considers to be the evening of Holy Thursday but what was then considered to be the first hours of Friday. Its annual commemoration thus begins the three-day period or triduum of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, days of special devotion that celebrate as a single action the death and resurrection

### GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday, also called Holy Friday or Great Friday, is the Friday before Easter (Easter always falls on a Sunday). It commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus at Calvary.

Conflicting testimony against Jesus is brought forth by many witnesses, to which Jesus answers nothing. Finally the high priest adjures Jesus to respond under solemn oath, saying "I adjure you, by the Living God, to tell us, are you the Anointed One, the Son of God?" Jesus testifies in the affirmative, "You have said it, and in me you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty, coming on the clouds of Heaven." The high priest condemns Jesus for blasphemy, and the Sanhedrin concurs with a sentence of death (Matthew 26:57-66).

In the morning the whole assembly brings Jesus to the Roman governor Pontus Pilate, under charges of subverting the nation, opposing taxes to Caesar, and making himself a king (Luke 23:1-2). The crowd cursed Pilate for not condemning Jesus to be killed. He authorizes the Jewish leaders to judge Jesus according to their own Law and execute sentencing, however the Jewish leaders reply that they are not allowed by the Romans to carry out a sentence of death (John 18:31). Pilate questions Jesus, and tells the assembly that there is no basis for sentencing.

Upon learning that Jesus is from Galilee, Pilate refers the case to the ruler of Galilee, King Herod, who was in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Herod questions Jesus but receives no answer; Herod sends Jesus back to Pilate. Pilate tells the assembly that neither he nor Herod have found guilt in Jesus; Pilate resolves to have Jesus whipped and released (Luke 23:3-16).

It was a custom during the feast of Passover for the Romans to release one prisoner as requested by the Jews. Pilate asks the crowd who they would like to be released. Under the guidance of the chief priests, the crowd asks for Barabbas, who had been imprisoned for committing murder during an insurrection. Pilate asks what they would have him do with Jesus, and they demand, "Crucify him" (Mark 15:6-14). Pilate's wife had seen Jesus in a dream earlier that day; she forewarns Pilate to "have nothing to do with this righteous man" (Matthew 27:19). Pilate has Jesus flogged, then brings him out to the crowd to release him. The chief priests inform Pilate of a new charge, demanding Jesus be sentenced to death "because he claimed to be God's son." This possibility filled Pilate with fear, and he brought Jesus back inside the palace and demanded to know from where he came (John 19:1-9).

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Coming before the crowd one last time, Pilate declared Jesus innocent and washed his own hands in water to show he has no part in this condemnation. Nevertheless, Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified in order to forestall a riot and ultimately to keep his job. The sentence written was “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” Jesus carried his cross to the site of execution (assisted by Simon of Cyrene), called the place of the Skull, or “Golgotha” in Hebrew and in Latin “Calvary”. There he was crucified along with two criminals.

Jesus agonized on the cross for six hours. During his last 3 hours on the cross, from noon to 3 pm, darkness fell over the whole land. With a loud cry, Jesus gave up his spirit. There was an earthquake, tombs broke open, and the curtain in the Temple was torn from top to bottom. The centurion on guard at the site of crucifixion declared, “Truly this was God’s Son!” Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin and secret follower of Jesus, who had not consented to his condemnation, goes to Pilate to request the body of Jesus. Another secret follower of Jesus and member of the Sanhedrin named Nicodemus brought about a hundred pound weight mixture of spices and helped wrap the body of Christ. Pilate asks confirmation from the centurion whether Jesus is dead. A soldier pierced the side of Jesus with a lance causing blood and water to flow out, and the centurion informs Pilate that Jesus is dead.

### EASTER

Easter (Greek: Πάσχα Paskha, from Hebrew: Pesakh,) is the most important annual religious feast in the Christian liturgical year. According to Christian scripture, Jesus was resurrected from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. Some Christians celebrate this resurrection on Easter Day or Easter Sunday (also Resurrection Day or Resurrection Sunday), two days after Good Friday and three days after Maundy Thurs-

day. The chronology of his death and resurrection is variously interpreted to be between AD 26 and AD 36. Easter also refers to the season of the church year called Eastertide or the Easter Season. Traditionally the Easter Season lasted for the forty days from Easter Day until Ascension Day but now officially lasts for the fifty days until Pentecost. The first week of the Easter Season is known as Easter Week or the Octave of Easter. Easter also marks the end of Lent, a season of fasting, prayer, and penance.

Easter is a moveable feast, meaning it is not fixed in relation to the civil calendar. The First Council of Nicaea (325) established the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon (the Paschal Full Moon) following the vernal equinox. Ecclesiastically, the equinox is reckoned to be on March 21 (regardless of the astronomically correct date), and the “Full Moon” is not necessarily the astronomically correct date. The date of Easter therefore varies between March 22 and April 25. Eastern Christianity bases its calculations on the Julian Calendar whose March 21 corresponds, during the twenty-first century, to April 3 in the Gregorian Calendar, in which calendar their celebration of Easter therefore varies between April 4 and May 8.

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover not only for much of its symbolism but also for its position in the calendar. In most European languages the feast called Easter in English is termed by the words for Passover in those languages and in the older English versions of the Bible the term Easter was the term used to translate Passover.

Relatively newer elements such as the Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunts have become part of the holiday’s modern celebrations, and those aspects are often celebrated by many Christians and non-Christians alike. There are also some Christian denominations who do not celebrate Easter.



## CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING PHOEBE NEEDLES CENTER

### *“Whole-System Thinking: Land, Body, and Hog”*

**Presentation by Angela Dribben**

**March 12, 2024 9:30am-12:30pm**

#### **Speaker Bio:**

Angie Dribben is an artist, writer, book reviewer, editor, hog farmer working in the Appalachian region of Virginia. It has been her honor to serve on the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Teaching Artist Roster. She holds a BA from Randolph Macon Woman's College and an MFA from Randolph College. She founded and co-hosted the Poetry Society of Virginia's *Virginia Voices* while serving the Western region of PSV as Vice President from 2021 to 2023. Her most recent literary work can be found in *Los Angeles Review*, *Orion*, *Coffin Bell*, *Split Rock Review*, and others.

Before transitioning into the arts and swine she served her community as a massage therapist, yoga teacher, and youth sports performance trainer for over two decades. Her most cherished opportunity was working in hospice as a massage therapist and later as a legacy writer.

She serves her local communities through memberships in Rotary, Ruritans, and the Virginia Tech Extension's Master Gardener's program.

**Angela Dribben** - Bent Fox Farms – *“Haven for the High-End Hog”*; 276-952-5258; bentfoxfarm.com



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## SERVICE CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>		<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Mar. 3	Third Sunday in Lent	<b>LINK</b>	Dave N.	Pat	Grace
Mar. 10	Fourth Sunday in Lent	<b>LINK</b>	Charlotte	Lisa	Sammi
Mar. 17	Fifth Sunday in Lent	<b>LINK</b>	Molly	Maureen	Lucas
Mar. 24	Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday	<b>LINK</b>	Allison	Sharon	Grace
Mar. 31	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>LINK</b>	Gary	Danene	Sammi
April 7	Second Sunday of Easter	<b>LINK</b>	Molly	Maureen	Lucas

## March Birthdays

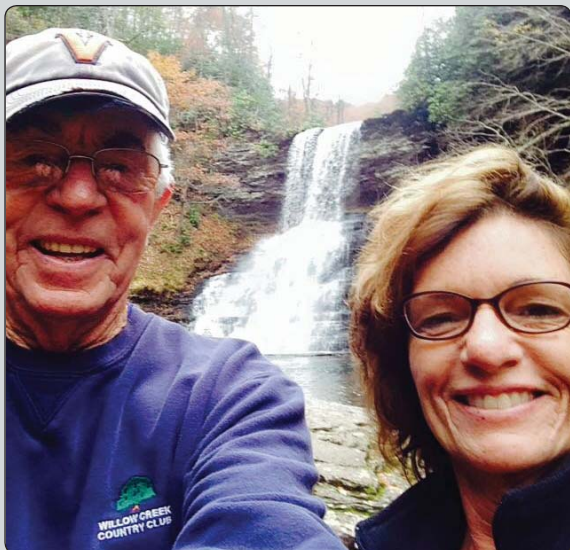
- 3 John Heck,  
Pat Newcombe
- 9 Susan Mead
- 12 Amy Crow,  
Sondra Kirsch
- 17 Dylan Stanley
- 29 Sherri Custer
- 30 Flora Stevens



*Birthdays in March,  
clockwise from upper  
left: Sondra Kirsch, John  
Heck, Pat Newcombe,  
Susan Mead, Amy Crow,  
Dylan Stanley, Sherri  
Custer.*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**





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## PRAYER LIST - March 2024

Chris Pohlad Thomas  
Jacob Franklin Magruder  
Peter Lustig  
Rob & Margie Wiltshire  
Karl Hubbard  
Jennifer Claytor  
Kelley Beyer  
Teresa Atkins  
Amy Marsh  
Claiborne Miller Davis  
Billy DeHart  
Fred Sloan  
Gene Herrick  
Carol Osborne  
Sara Bier  
Jaxon Akerman  
Ken Cullen

Steve Swinehart  
Carol Ann Wade  
Helen Puckett  
Linda Sigmon  
Larissa Feazell  
Cindy Swinehart  
Nancy Bradley  
Helen Campbell  
Dana Ellis  
Michael Riley  
Sam Campbell  
Jamie Stanley  
Linda Green  
Sandy Grice  
Corey Newcombe  
Tommy Dudley  
Bill & Jane Pohlad

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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## 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](mailto:hodges_juanita@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate.



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