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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

The Center for Lifelong Learning will have its next program by Zoom Meeting on May 12 at 10:00 a.m. Saleem Ahmed will present, "Islam: How It is Connected to Judaism and Christianity." Information on how to join the Zoom Meeting will be forthcoming. There is no cost to participate!

Congratulations to Lana and Katherine. Due to the way the world has changed, there will be no Employee Recognition event at Ferrum College this spring marking the completion of Lana Whited's 30th year anniversary, and the 25th anniversary year for Katherine Grimes. Lana says, 'I have certainly been blessed with devoted and talented colleagues.'



Quick reminder that we're adding wedding anniversaries to the monthly newsletter. Everyone please send them to Gary at gholden@ferrum.edu and maybe include a photo that we could share in future newsletters. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to Berhan Grimes-Whited, Tyler Grimes-Whited and Peter Heck who all graduate from Franlin County High School this May! Since the Class of 2020 will graduate without proms, parties, and even graduation, you might send them a card or an email:

Berhan - berhangw@ferrum.edu
Tyler - tylergw@ferrum.edu
Peter - pheckva@gmail.com

Best wishes to all three!

UTO Spring Ingathering

Sunday, May 3, was scheduled to be the date, but it will be pushed back. Please continue to put your coins (or bills) into the Blue Boxes. We will collect them at some point in the future when we are all back together at Saint Peter's. This year the theme of our giving is BLESS. As you put your change in the little Blue Box, ask God to bless the churches and organizations here and around the world as we work together to express God's love in Jesus Christ. May we bring help and hope to our brothers and sisters in need.



If you'd like to share something in next week's Weekly Update or a future monthly newsletter, please send it to Gary at gholden@ferrum.edu.

WEDNESDAY WISDOM

Potatoes, Eggs and Coffee



Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it.

After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity— the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter.

"When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean? "

In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us.

Which one are you?



Paul Simms and Dave Newcombe

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

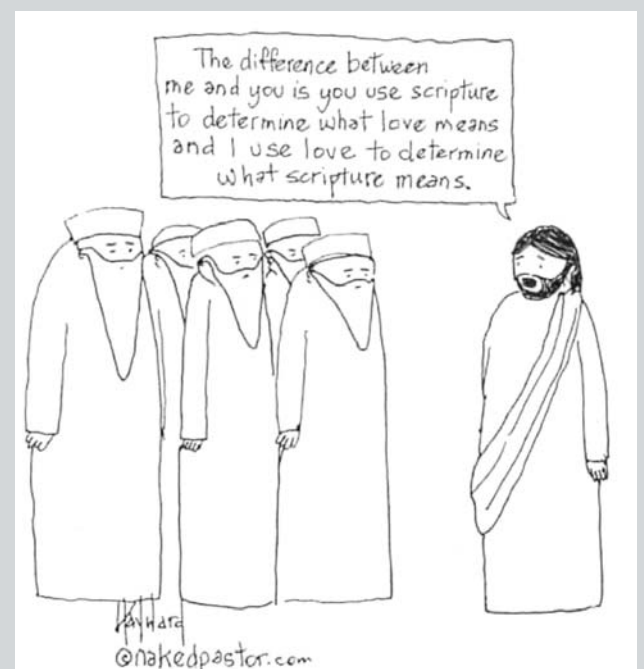
--Martin Luther King Jr.

"And in the end, it is not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years."

--Abraham Lincoln



Helen and Sam Campbell



CARES Act Charitable Giving Incentives

Most Episcopal organizations rely on generous donors to support their mission and ministry. Stewardship can be deeply spiritual, rooted in a desire to reorient our lives towards God, but it also has a practical side.



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, signed into law on March 27, 2020, includes several provisions that may affect charitable giving this year.

New charitable deduction for taxpayers who do not itemize. Beginning in 2020, individuals can deduct \$300 in charitable contributions from their gross income even if they do not itemize their deductions. Donations must be made in cash to a charity.

Gifts of appreciated securities, and gifts to a donor advised fund or supporting organization, do not qualify. Although the permissible amount is modest, it is a new benefit available to many of your donors.

No cap on charitable deductions for taxpayers who do itemize. Donors who itemize their deductions can usually deduct cash contributions up to 60% of their adjusted gross income.

For 2020, that cap is lifted, and donors contributing cash to charity may deduct up to 100% of their income, a significant tax savings for anyone able to contribute larger amounts. Again, this is only for gifts of cash, and only for gifts made directly to charity (not to donor-advised funds or supporting organizations).

No required minimum distributions, but qualified charitable distributions still possible. The CARES Act eliminates required minimum distributions (RMDs) from many retirement plans in 2020. Some donors have been using their RMDs for tax-advantaged charitable gifts by making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly to charity.

Under the CARES Act it is still possible for donors who are 70½ or over to contribute up to \$100,000 directly to a charity without paying tax on the distribution. This remains a beneficial way for donors to make gifts to your church.

The CARES Act is a complex new law. This information is intended only as a summary of provisions for your consideration. Donors should always consult with their own professional advisors before making a gift.

(Excerpt from the Episcopal Church Foundation)



To continue contributing to Saint Peter's, you are invited to mail your check to either:

Nancy Bradley
55 Tyree Street
Rocky Mount, VA 24151
OR
Saint Peter's
65 Rock Ridge Road
Callaway, VA 24067



SERVICE CALENDAR – May 2020

Children's

Readings

Lector

Chalice

Altar Guild

Acolyte

Chapel

May 3 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
Psalm 23



May 10 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



May 17 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
Psalm 66:7-18



May 24 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36



May 31 **Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
Psalm 104:25-35, 37



John & Delia Heck celebrated their 22nd anniversary on April 26.

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



May Birthdays

- 1 Hailu Grimes-Whited
- 3 Jim Parker
- 6 Josh Bernard
- 10 Glen Stevens
- 12 Ben & Dan Hancock
- 20 Katherine Grimes
- 23 Lana Whited
- 24 Tyler Grimes-Whited
- 30 Adam Willie
- 31 Shelby DeHart

May Anniversaries

- 18 Heather & Nathaniel Hancock (2019)
- 24 Frances & Ric Kuhlbars (1975)
- 30 Charlotte & Keith Hubbard (1976)

MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 – May 2020

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

Help us O Lord, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to trust in your mercy and love. Comfort the sick and dying, and strengthen their families with your Holy Spirit. Help us to seek out and find ways, in the midst of this new reality, to love and serve our neighbor; remembering especially those who lives are more severely impacted 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 Weekly Meetings

Sundays - Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays - Bible Study at Noon
Friday - "What's On Your Mind" at 5:00 p.m.



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Password: 803568
OR
Dial by your location:
646-558-8656 US (New York)



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3888855255?pwd=YWUxZ3IHSXR3SkRwditUTzVxU0RvQT09>