

THE ROCK CHURCH NEWS
SAINT PETER'S-N-THE-MOUNTAINS
CALLAWAY, VIRGINIA
OCTOBER 2023

Gary and Leslie Holden have gone to Florida to help Gary's stepmom transition from a physical rehab facility back to her home. We pray that Gary and Leslie will have a safe trip! In his absence, I am sending you the news that would have been in one of Gary's great newsletters. My version will be in the category of, "just the facts please."

Outreach Update - During the third quarter of 2023, our local outreach focused on Helping Hands of Franklin County. This organization assists Franklin County residents with emergency financial needs. Thank you to those who donated much needed office supplies plus other items for operating needs. In addition, our congregation will contribute a total of \$825 in donations from individuals and from our budgeted Outreach funds.

Episcopal Relief and Development will receive \$150 in individual donations through St. Peter's for Hawai'i disaster relief.

Coming up this month! Ferrum Panther Packs and Callaway Pack-a-Sack programs will be our outreach focus for October and November. Donations will be collected at Saint Peter's to help provide food for local school children for weekends and school holidays. Specific details will be upcoming.

The custom at Saint Peter's on **All Saints Sunday (November 5th)** is to read a list of those people who have died who were important in our lives. There will be a list on the lectern in the back of the church for you to list those people who you would like to be remembered. They may be family, friends, or former members of Saint Peter's, you might want included.

The next **Center for Lifelong Learning** program at the Phoebe Needles Center is Tuesday, October 10th at 10:00 am. The program will be "SML Water Quality Project", presented by Ferrum College faculty, staff, and students. Please call the Center at 483-1518 by Friday, October 6th, at noon. We really need your presence and support. It would also be a great help if you would pass this on to a friend!

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 2023, or did not recently receive an email update, please contact Andy Buckman at: apbuckman@gmail.com. If you are mailing your check to the church, please send it to: Saint Peter's, 65 Rock Ridge Road; Callaway, VA 24067

For those of you who like to plan ahead, **Daylight Savings Time ENDS** at midnight on Sunday November 5th at 12:00 a.m. Set your clocks back an hour!

Vestry Elections -- Nancy Bradley and Katherine Grimes will complete their term of service on December 31st, 2023, and **we need TWO people willing to serve in their place.** If you are willing to serve on the Vestry, or would like to nominate someone else, please contact a member of the current Vestry. The election of new Vestry members will take place Sunday, December 10th.

Stewardship Update - You will soon be receiving a letter with a proposed budget for 2024 and a pledge card. Please return your pledge card to the church in person or by mail by Sunday November 12th. The Vestry plans to finalize the church budget at their November meeting.

A special **THANK YOU TO our acolytes**: Grace Campbell, Lucas Simms, Matthew Simms, and Samantha Simms. We are very grateful for their commitment and service to Saint Peter's!! Please thank them the next time you see them.

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.

“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.

Thanks to everyone who has taken a turn (or two or three) at **mowing the lawn at the church** - it is much appreciated!!! We still have a few weeks to go and need a few more mowers. Please check the list in the parish hall.

SAINT PETER’S-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS PRAYER LIST -- October 2023

Matt Hubbard	Amy Marsh	Claiborne Miller Davis	Carol Goens	Billy DeHart	Donna LaDue
Sandy Holden	Fred Sloan	Brent Younts	Tom Newcombe	Gene Herrick	Carol Osborne
Sara Bier	Jaxon Akerman	Ken Cullen	Ed Bowman	Anne Fetner	Steve Swinehart
Carol Ann Wade Wiltshire	Helen Puckett	Kelley Beyer	Linda Sigmon	Debra Connolly	Rob & Margie
Larissa Feazell	Cindy Swinehart	Nancy Bradley	Helen Campbell	Dana Ellis	Michael Riley
Sam Campbell	Jamie Stanley	Linda Green	Sandy Grice	Corey Newcombe	Tommy Dudley

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.

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.

On the lighter side of life there's this!!



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