

**SAINT PETER'S
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**ROCK
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NEWS**

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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 burial and interment service for John Carl Kirsch is Saturday September 4th at 3:00 p.m. Following the service there will be a reception and opportunity to greet the family at the Phoebe Needles Center. If you are able to help with set up or food, please contact Pat Newcombe at 365-7157 or pnewcombe@ferrum.edu.

Thanks to Danny Custer, Gary Holden and Bob Pohlrad for all of their cleanup work in the memorial garden!

The next Center for Lifelong Learning is Tuesday September 14th at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch. Dr. Michael Bentley will be speaking on the Changing Climate. Please call the Phoebe Needles Center Office to register for the program, 483-1518.



At the last meeting of the Vestry, it was generally agreed that wearing masks will be strongly encouraged for those attending worship services regardless of vaccination status. We are doing this as a courtesy to those who have not been or are not able to be vaccinated, and for the children in the congregation. When the number of new cases in Franklin County drops we will review the decision. The Vestry also discussed concerns about the lack of space to allow for social distancing during coffee time following the service. It was decided that we should be outdoors on the deck weather permitting.

Unknown to many, Martha Perry, has been making the coffee every Sunday as well as loading and unloading the dishwasher. There will be a signup sheet in the parish hall to sign up to host coffee and refreshments.

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

The Equal Exchange program (coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil) managed by Jim Bier is looking for a new leader. Many are not aware, but the coffee for Saint Peter's and Phoebe Needles Center are from the proceeds of the program. We have not had to buy coffee for nearly 14 years thanks to Jim. If anyone is interested in taking over the ministry begun by Jim, please contact John Heck at 483-1518 or johnheck@gmail.com.

In June 2021, Nancy Bradley, retired as the "money counter" at Saint Peter's. The Vestry agreed to take on the job of counting the money each Sunday, recording it, and seeing that it is deposited. The Vestry, in keeping with generally accepted accounting practices, decided to have two people sign the accounting sheet. We need an additional person each Sunday. Please volunteer by signing up on the roster in the parish hall.

Saint Peter's Summer Picnic '21



Photos by Bob Pohlard



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: LWhitlock@embarqmail.com. If you are mailing your check to the church, please send it to:

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You’re invited to a Church Picnic

Trinity, Rocky Mount has invited us to join them for their annual fall picnic at the Phoebe Needles Center on Sunday September 26th following the service. They will be joining us for worship at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Peter’s. Folks at Trinity are providing chicken and drinks and paper goods. Everyone should bring some side dish, drink, or dessert.

On the Lighter Side

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, “When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah myself.”

The teacher asked, “So what if Jonah went to hell?”

The little girl replied, “Well ok, I guess you can ask him then.”

FALL 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.



SERVICE CALENDAR

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Lesson</u> (details in LINK) | <u>LINK</u> | <u>Lector</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Sept. 5 | Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost | LINK | Dave |
| Sept. 12 | Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost | LINK | Martha |
| Sept. 19 | Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost | LINK | Bob |
| Sept. 26 | Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost | LINK | Lana |
| Oct. 3 | Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost | LINK | Rob |

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Terry Griffen
- 1 Francis Stansberry
- 2 Linda Sigmon
- 3 Jami Stanley
- 6 Beth Crow
- 13 Regena Sigmon
- 25 Billy DeHart
- 26 Paul Simms
- 29 Todd Hancock
- 29 Fair Robey



Billy DeHart has a birthday this month.



Beth Crow celebrates her birthday in September.



Paul Simms is another year wiser this month. OK, so maybe just another year older.

To All my Friends at St. Peter's-in-the-Mountains Episcopal Church

It is surely hard to leave you and all my many friends in Callaway and Ferrum and Rocky Mount. Might as well include Ferrum, Roanoke, etc. My fifteen years here have been wonderful, except for the loss of my dear brother Charlie. I have also grieved and missed many other dear friends who contributed greatly to my life and happiness.

I have especially enjoyed being a part of the life of St. Peter's and appreciated our many relationships and activities. I will miss it all!

Please accept my heartfelt and sincere thanks to all of you for the love and support you have shown me over these years. Thank you for the very beautiful throw made, of course, by our talented weaver Patricia Rushmore. It seems that everyone knew that my favorite color is purple! It will probably be on my bed in the future. I also enjoyed the delicious picnic last Sunday with Charlie and John's BBQ! What a memorable treat and going away gift.

Don't be surprised if you see me from time to time - Davidson is not that far away! And I would love to have you come visit me at The Pines at Davidson. My new address is:

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Peace, Joy and Love always,
Martha



PRAYER LIST -- September 2021

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Craig Griffin | Sam Vanderbilt |
| Chelsea Wingate | Michael Riley |
| Lucy Ricardo | Sam Campbell |
| Billy DeHart | Carol Osborne |
| Kelley Beyer | Lauren Stanley |
| Meagan Roop | Jane Pohlad |
| Larissa Feazell | John Malukei |
| Frances Kuhlbars | Jamie Stanley |
| Matt Foutz | Linda Green |
| Joe Mitchell | Sandy Grice |
| Ronnie Smith | Glenda Pendleton |
| Lorraine Roberts | Linda Sigmon |
| Justin Yates | Cindy Swinehart |
| Nancy Bradley | Linda Thomas |
| Helen Campbell | Hazel Pendleton |
| Steve Whitley | Betty Hood |
| Hildegard Whitley | Joe Puzycki |
| Dana Ellis | Debbie Connolly |

We pray for those who were killed, and those who are still unaccounted for, following the collapse of the building in south Florida. We pray for the victims and for their families, and for those involved in the rescue efforts.

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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