

As we turn the calendar to February, the church enters one of its most profound and ancient seasons. While the world around us often demands that we be "more"—more productive, more successful, more connected—Lent invites us to be still, to be honest about our limitations, and to return to the heart of God.

The season of Lent spans forty days (not counting Sundays), mirroring the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness. It is a time of intentional "spiritual housecleaning." Traditionally, we observe this season through three primary pillars:

- **Prayer:** Seeking God's presence with renewed focus.
- **Fasting:** Creating physical space to recognize our spiritual hunger.
- **Almsgiving:** Practicing radical generosity toward those in need.

The journey begins on Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026). On this day, we receive the imposition of ashes—a practice that dates back to the early Church. These ashes, usually created by burning the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday, serve as symbols of: our mortality and repentance. We are reminded of the fragility of life. This isn't meant to be morbid, but rather to ground us in the reality that every breath is a gift from God. The word *repentance* literally means to "turn around." The ash cross on our foreheads is a public sign that we are turning our lives back toward God's path.

A common question during Lent is, *"What are you giving up?"* Whether it's chocolate, social media, or a habit like complaining, the goal of fasting is not to prove our willpower. Rather, it is to remove distractions. When we feel the "itch" for the thing we've given up, it serves as a physical prompt to pray. If we give up a luxury, the money saved can be redirected to a charitable organization, turning a personal sacrifice into a blessing for someone else.

Lent is not a season of "earning" God's love through our behavior. Instead, it is a season of stripping away everything that keeps us from realizing we are *already* loved beyond measure. We walk into the desert of Lent not to be alone, but to find that God has been waiting for us there all along.

In Christ,
Chuck+



**SUNDAY IN-PERSON
WORSHIP**
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services.

WORSHIP ONLINE
Our Sunday Morning 10:30 Service will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

ST. PETER'S CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Parenting is hard, no matter how many books you read on the subject. Children surprise us at every turn. Sometimes those surprises are heartwarming, like their discovery that jumping like a frog is fun. Other surprises test our patience, such as their newfound joy in collecting rocks and bugs and bringing them into the house.

As an early childhood educator, I know that the way I respond to these surprises impacts my child's self-esteem and our parent/child relationship. However, in the moment that line of thought rarely prevails. How can I do better in the moment and not collapse the lines of communication with my child forever?

I was recently introduced to the Wonder Together Project by Sally Thomas. Grounded in Godly Play philosophy, The Wonder Together Project is a set of 5 simple "I wonder" questions that support communication and connection. It is suggested to use these questions around the dinner table or another time when the family gathers. It is expected that everyone participate—children, teens, and adults. It is in the joint sharing that the moments of connection occur.

The other take away I received by learning about this project was the phrase, "I wonder...". So many times as a parent (and teacher) the first words that come to mind are "What were you thinking?" I can tell you, the child wasn't thinking and simply following an experience. Asking that question out loud will not result in productive dialogue. However, verbalizing "I wonder how that made you feel?" or something similar, diffuses the tension and results in a more productive discussion of lessons learned and opportunities for change. Give it a try. (It works for adults, too.)



During the season of Epiphany, we will be collecting diapers (all sizes) and wipes. Bringing gifts for the Christ Child to help the children in our community. You can bring the diapers and wipes and leave them outside the Sunday School classrooms or put them in the wagon by the Sanctuary. You can even donate online, but be sure to make a note that the donation is for the Diaper Drive.

We will be making Lenten Candle Gardens on Sunday, February 15th at 9:30am in Stockstill Hall to help us prepare for the Mystery of Easter. All supplies and devotionals will be provided.

- 1. I wonder what part of today was the most important part?
- 2. I wonder how you are feeling?
- 3. I wonder when you felt most alive today?
- 4. I wonder what part of today you would have liked to leave out?
- 5. I wonder what part of today you liked the best?

Girl Scout Sunday and Cookie Sale



We will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday on February 22nd at the 10:30am service. This is an opportunity for our girls to attend a place of worship and be recognized as Girl Scouts.

Girl Scout Troops 3377 are so grateful for the space, love, and support this congregation has provided us. Troop 3377 is a Junior/Cadette level troop with girls from 3rd, 6th, and 7th grades. Girls in both troops come from Greenville, Greer, and Taylors.

As part of our celebration, Girl Scouts will pass out bulletins prior to the 10:30am service. Girl Scout cookies will be on sale from 9:30am-10:30am, and 11:30am-12:30pm on the patio. Cash, Venmo, or credit card accepted.



Service of Lament Tuesday, February 3rd, 6:00 P.M.

In light of the current events in Minneapolis and around the country, St Peter's will hold a service of Compline with lamentations and prayers for the nation this Tuesday, February 3rd at 6PM in the Sanctuary.



SouperBowl of Caring is next week! Please bring some cash (or checks made to St. Peter's) to vote for your predicted winner of the "Big Game" next week. There will be youth holding pots with Seahawks and Patriots logos in the narthex after the services on **Feb 8th**. All Proceeds will go towards St. Peter's Rise Against Hunger events.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast February 7th Stockstill Hall 8:00am

Come and join us for the February Men's Breakfast! It's a great time for fellowship and some good food. Whether you're new at St. Peter's or a long-time member, breakfast is open to all men. The breakfast cost is \$10 and all profits go to charity. We look forward to seeing you on February 7th!



St. Peter's Players Present: ON GOLDEN POND by Ernest Thompson February 13-14 at 7:30 p.m. Special Matinee Performance February 14th at 2:00 p.m.



This Valentine's Day weekend, the Players present the American classic ON GOLDEN POND. Norman and Ethel Thayer return to their New England summer home on Golden Pond. As they struggle with Norman's memory loss and with their fractured relationship with their daughter Chelsea, their lives take an unexpected turn with the arrival of Chelsea's new boyfriend and his son Billy, who quickly forms an unexpected bond. The play explores themes of aging, family dynamics, and the importance of communication.

As always, Admission is Free (although it is in Stockstill Hall, so seating is limited). Donations are welcome.



Join us for our monthly gathering of St. Peter's Romeos, a.k.a. Retired Old Men Eating Out, on **Tuesday, February 17th, 11:30 am**, at the Acropolis on Pelham Road. All men of the church and guests, even if not old or retired, are welcome to join us for a time of food and fellowship. No program or agenda, just lively conversation and maybe a few tall tales.

Church Chicks is our St. Peter's Women's lunch group that meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 11:30 at various local restaurants. Dress is casual and there is no business, just fellowship and fun. For February, we will eat at Lin's Asian Bistro located at 850 East Suber Road, Greer, across from Riverside High and in the Lowe's Foods shopping center on **February 17 at 11:30**. Please let Beck Sullivan know if you plan to attend, 864-630-3262 or Becksullivan1@gmail.com. All are included.



February Adult Fellowship

Ed and Martha Venters will host the February Adult Fellowship at their home on 227 Merrifield Drive, Greenville, SC 29615 on **Saturday, February 21th, from 6-8 pm**. All adults of the church and guests are welcome. Please bring a dish and/or bottle of wine to share and enjoy lively conversation and the chance to meet new people. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Jones on 864-608-2206 or Mike Jones on 864-320-8977.

CENTERING PRAYER
St. Peter's offers an opportunity each Wednesday afternoon at **2:00 p.m.** to gather with a small community for Centering Prayer in Stockstill Hall. If you would like more information about joining our group, please contact our facilitator, Sally Hansen, via email at: sallyhansen100@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST
Our Midweek Celebration Of The Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Join us for Holy Communion in the chapel on Wednesdays at **1:30 p.m.** This small gathering often commemorates a saint whose feast day occurs on that day or in close proximity. The liturgy lasts about 30 minutes.

Save The Dates

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS

- Jan. 4 - Feb. 15 Diaper Drive
- Feb. 8 - Souperbowl of Caring
- Feb. 13 & 14 "On Golden Pond" 7:30pm
- Feb. 15 - Lenten Gardens
- Feb. 17 - Pancake Supper 5:30pm
- Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday Services
7am ~ 12pm ~ 7pm
- Feb. 22 - Girl Scout Sunday
- Feb. 25 Lenten Supper & Program 6pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17th
5:30pm
Stockstill Hall



JOIN US FOR A Lenten Supper & Program

Wednesdays 6-7:30pm
in Stockstill Hall
February 25-March 25

See you there!

Would your group like to sign up for a Lenten Supper?

Lenten Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by Lenten Program at 6:30 p.m. starting Wednesday, February 25th. This is a wonderful opportunity for various Ministries within the church to prepare a simple meal to share with the Parish! Please call the office at 864-268-7280 to pick your date.

February 25th _____

March 4th _____

March 11th _____

March 18th _____

March 25th **Outreach**

Healing Service offered during the season of Lent. As part of your Lenten observation, you are invited to take time to pray for the needs of the world and others, as well as receive anointing and prayers for yourself on **Thursdays at noon in the chapel**. All are welcome.

Healing
SERVICE

Creation Care Corner—February 2026


**CREATION
CARE**

Have an Eco-Friendly Valentines Day! – Need a gift for that special someone? How about a living plant instead of a bouquet, a box of fair-trade/organic chocolate, or a dinner out at a restaurant that supports local farmers or follows farm-to-table practices? As just one example, while cut flowers can be beautiful, they don't last long and often come with a high carbon footprint. A live plant can be just as beautiful and will remove CO₂ from the air as long as it lives! For 7 ways to have an eco-friendly Valentine's Day, go to: <https://kab.org/show-the-earth-some-love-have-eco-friendly-valentines-day/>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Vestry Commissioning 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 11:30am Sunday School Planning 5:30pm SPP - Stockstill	2 1:00pm Olli Players - SH	3 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 7:00pm AA Stockstill 7:00pm ZOOM Confirmation Info Meeting	4 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5 1:00pm Olli Players - SH 2:30pm Daughters of the King - Zoom Mtg. 5:00pm Girl Scouts	6 7:00pm AA Stockstill	7 8:00am Men's Breakfast - Stockstill
8 Souperbowl of Caring 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 11:45am CCAC 11:45am Outreach - Children's room 12:00pm Girl Scouts - Education Wing	9 12:00pm Soul Food Lunch 1:00pm Olli Players - Choir Rm 6:00pm SPP - Stockstill 6:00pm Vestry - Choir Room	10 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 6:00pm SPP - Stockstill	11 9:00am PEO Chapter Stockstill 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 6:00pm SPP - Stockstill 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 8:30am Greenville Garden Club - SH/Choir rm 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm SPP - Stockstill	13 7:30pm On Golden Pond - Stockstill	14 Valentine's Day 2:00pm On Golden Pond - Stockstill 7:30pm On Golden Pond - Stockstill
15 Transfiguration Sunday 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Lenten Gardens 10:30am Eucharist Rite II	16 OFFICE CLOSED Presidents' Day 1:00pm Olli Players - SH	17 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 11:30am ROMEOS 12:00pm Pancake Supper Set Up - Stockstill 3:30pm Stephen Ministry - Stockstill 5:30pm Pancake Supper - Stockstill	18 Ash Wednesday 7:00am Ash Wed. Service 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 12:00pm Ash Wed. Service 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Ash Wed. Service	19 1:00pm Olli Players - SH 2:30pm Daughters of the King - Parlor 6:30pm Girl Scouts - Stockstill	20 7:00pm AA Stockstill	21 6:00pm Adult Fellowship
22 Girl Scout Sunday 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II	23 12:00pm Soul Food Lunch 1:00pm Olli Players - Choir Rm	24 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 7:00pm AA Stockstill	25 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Program 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	26 1:00pm Olli Players - SH 5:00pm Girl Scouts	27 7:00pm AA Stockstill	28 6:30am Feed Thy Neighbor

St. Peter's Family & Friends Prayer Lists

In an effort to maintain a timely prayer list, please review any names you may have added and email us at office@stpetersgreenville.com if it is time for that person's name to come off the list.

Prayer List of Family members of Parishioners

Jessica Watson, niece of Mimi Abels
Ruby Taylor, aunt of Glenn Allison
Carol Bauer Lopis & family, sister of Lynn Bauer
Cathy, friend of Stephen & Diane Boney
Shiloh Esselburn, granddaughter of Jane Auge
Kristine Drinnon, daughter of Suzanne Brehm
Jennifer Fanning Brunetto, daughter-in-law of Sam & Juliette Brunetto
Emerson Brock, niece of Sam & Juliette Brunetto
Marie Sheley, sister of Sue Bunnell
Lynn Burns, sister of JoDee Burns
Vincent "Brad" Pope, son of Teresa Burns & brother of Sharon Turner
Frieda Creasman, mother of Debbie Cannada
Charles Johnson, brother-in-law of Dot Closs
Geri Delzingaro, mother of Terry Davidson
Sylvia Stivers, mother of Shawn Dunham
Lois Guinto, sister of Tom Durst
Gail Stone, sister-in-law of Barbara & Don Ellis
Becki Peterson, sister of Jody Fails
Van Phillips, brother of Jody Fails
Wayne & Rhonda Lanier, family of Jody Fails
Doris Phillips, sister-in-law of Jody Fails
Brian & Sylvia Shutts, brother & sister-in-law of Sally Hansen
Norma Havens, little sister of Marv Havens
Vanessa Lindeberg, niece of Marv Havens
Barbra McPike, sister of Sue Havens
Carolyn Keever, sister of Bill Hawkins
Sara Ann Lovell, cousin of Jim & Ellen Huber
Gordon Kear, son of Rhys and Susan Kear
The Rev. Alice Haynes, sister of Pam Kitson
Nicole Poole, daughter of Sharon Kruse
Rick Skelton, brother-in-law of Thom Long
Ryan Garbee, cousin of Katherine Lumpkin—Leech
Mary Anne Achee, sister of Priscilla Maumus
Cheryl—niece of Sandy McKenna
Sharen McKenna, daughter of Sandy McKenna
Pam Elwell, sister of Littlejohn McSwain
Beau Chattell, nephew of Mary Mills
Susie Mathews, sister of Mary Mills
Caldwell Murray, son of Sarah Murray
Leighton Yates, relative of Sarah Murray
Jennifer Pendergast, daughter of Bev & Larry Myatt
Laine Pendergast, granddaughter of Bev & Larry Myatt
Tracey Myatt, daughter-in-law of Bev & Larry Myatt
Stuart Neal, son of Tina & Larry Neal
Cindy Taylor, sister of Tina Neal
Erik Nichols, son of Bobbie Nichols
Lucas Stalder, cousin of Bobbie Nichols
Val Bate, cousin of Bobbie Nichols
Gary Olivier, father of Karen Olivier & grandfather of Jackson
Harry Orscheln, father of Nell Orscheln
Ardis Albany, sister of John Parrott
Elizabeth & David Norris, children of Barbara & Ron Plemmons
Crystal Blackwell, family of Tim of Deidre Price
Abbas Rangwalla, father of Akil Rangwalla
Judy King, mother of Janiece Robinson
Blake Hedrik, granddaughter of Nancy Roush
Remedios Cerezo Aragon, Val Schnauffer's aunt (Eric's daughter in law)
Charlie & Chandler, family to Sarah Sewell
Doris Rebert, great grandmother of Delaney & Logan Shabel
J.J. Lee, cousin of Pam & Phil Smith
Logan Welsh, family of Pam & Phil Smith

Prayer List of Family members of Parishioners (cont.)

Caroline Elizabeth Smith, great grandchild of Gary & Judy Taylor
Julee McDonald, cousin of Ed Venters
The Moses Family, relatives of Ed & Martha Venters
Aden Gilliam, great nephew of Louisa & John Wagoner
Olga Torres, mother of Venus Williams
Ralph Kellar, brother of Mary Ann Whiten
Janet & Craig Christy, daughter and son-in-law of Mary Ann Whiten
Emily Anderson, granddaughter of Mary Ann Whiten
Jaclynn Wilkerson, daughter of Tim & Denise Wilkerson
Susan Reddix, sister-in-law of Tim & Denise Wilkerson

Prayer List of Friends of Parishioners

Marty Rusanis—friend of Lynn Bauer
Melanie Anderson—friend of Palmer & Boo Brown
JoJo Kaiser—friend of Jo Dee Burns
Pat Spears—friend of Jo Dee Burns
Rudy Capece—friend of Jane Auge & Debbie Cannada
Michele Thompson, friend of Centering Prayer
Marlenea Vaughn, friend of Cathy Church
Miller & Allie Carroll—friend of Shawn Dunham
The Parker family —friends of Barbara Ellis
Richard Fulton—friend of Pete & Sally Hansen
Susan Ebans—friend of Pete & Sally Hansen
Mike, John & Alison Simpson- Josie Harper
Cathy Stephens—friend of Bill & Loretta Hartzell
Steve Fowler—friend of Marv Havens
Tony & Diane Smith—friends of Marv & Sue Havens
Deb Culbertson—friend of Marv & Sue Havens
Glenn Wampole—friend of Marv Havens
John Gentile—friend of Marv Havens
Almeter Butler – friend of Malissa Hawkins
Dave Holec, friend of Rhys and Susan Kear
Paul Porter, friend of Rhys and Susan Kear
Bob Post, friend of Rhys and Susan Kear
Elizabeth Deming, friend of Milena Lombardi
Evie Elrod, friend of Thom Long
Mary Ella Kenesake—friend of Katherine Lumpkin-Leech
Tyler Johnston, friend of Ben Martin
Sal—friend of Sandy McKenna
Stephanie Shutes, friend of Brenda McKinney
Steve Hixson, friend of Brenda McKinney
Ivey & Carolyn Radcliff- friends of Sarah Murray
David & Martha Hewitt—friend of Richard and Judi Myers
Rob, friend of Bobbie Nichols
Janice Tennyson, friend of Ron and Barbara Plemmons
Dierdre Hixson-friend of Nancy Roush
Mary Kathleen Markham-Kara & Tony Scalzitti
Kimberly Greene—friend of Ken & Emelyn Shabel
Sarah— friend of Shirley Twiss
Mary Ann Cooper—friend of Bob Vail
The Daniels Family-Martha Venters
Claire Yarborough—friend of Ed & Martha Venters
Rose Neely—friend of Ed & Martha Venters
Ken Grier—friend of Denise & Tim Wilkerson

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Ushers 8:30	Kathleen Brady Wes Smith	Kathy Lundy	Marty & Tim Masters	Kathy Lundy
Ushers 10:30	John Wagoner Courtney Goforth Kyle Davis Haddie Davis Kale Davis	Shelby Allison Palmer Brown Nathan Search	Ken Shabel Al Mina Brad Kluttz	Jackson Olivier Edison Cope Hayne Cope Bill Hawkins
VPOD	Todd LaFrance Shannon Sports	Nick Morse	Sarah Hoeschen	Ken Shabel
Altar Guild	Kathy Lundy Barbara Ellis Adriana Brooks	Kathy Siegel Charlotte McIlroy Delores Smith Karla McSwain	Shannon Lawton Margaret Boineau Beck Sullivan Marty Masters	Marilyn Jones Martha Venters Kathy Greenan
Opener	Kathy Lundy	Bill Hartzell	Tim Masters	Palmer Brown
Closer	David Rhodes	Brock Vaughn	Thom Long	Bill Hawkins
Lector 8:30	Malissa Hawkins Wes Smith	Kelly Romero Bob James	Kathy Siegel Kelly Romero	Malissa Hawkins Larry Myatt
Lector 10:30	Emelyn Shabel Gina Pelino	Harrison Hitner James Hoskinson	Judy Taylor Ken Shabel	Mary Wright Melinda Long
Server	Jack Forbes	Aria Pelino	Harry Hawkins	Leila Kluttz
Crucifer	Colin Hitner	Ava Pelino	Shelby Allison	Nora Durham
Torch Bearers	Sadie Allison Cameron Brooks	Harry Hawkins Colin Hitner	Sadie Allison Nora Durham	Colin Hitner Ava Pelino
Chalice Bearers 8:30	Kathy Siegel Littlejohn McSwain	Tim Wilkerson Kathy Siegel	Margaret Boineau Marty Masters	Marilyn Jones Bob James
Chalice Bearers 10:30	Glenn Allison Larry Neal	Linda Remick Patti Navilliat	Marilyn Jones Shannon Sports	Shawn Dunham Thom Long
A/V	Brad Brooks Matthew Purvis	Marilyn Jones Mike Jones	Tucker Allison Henry Purvis	Zeb Forbes Jack Forbes

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Jane Rowe	12	Jody Fails
02	Smith McDowell	16	Laura Goodwin
03	Nathan Search	17	Jim Bauer
	Ginny Tate		Sally Parrott
04	Thom Long	18	Kathy Runion
	Charlotte McIlroy		Ed Venters
	Randy Hawkins	20	Christopher Hitner
07	Paige Griffin		Kathy Siegel
	Meg McGee	25	Marion Sprague
09	Taylor Garrett	26	Ava Marie Pelino
10	Madalyne Lawton	29	Colin Hitner



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

01	Barbara & Don Ellis
14	Susan & David Leaphart
16	Carol & Tom Ruppert
18	Lucy Allen & Marshall Alan Goers
19	Alice & Art Slayton
26	Gayle & Craig McKee



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

7:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

Join us for Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, February 18th at 7am, 12 noon, or 7pm. Ash Wednesday is a solemn service that marks the beginning of Lent. The service includes scripture readings, repentance, and the imposition of ashes on worshipers' foreheads.

Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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