

As the calendar turns to January, the festive glow of Christmas morning begins to fade, and the decorations return to their boxes. However, in the life of the church, we are just beginning a season of profound discovery: **Epiphany**.

The word *Epiphany* comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning "manifestation" or "striking appearance." It marks the moment when the light of Christ was revealed not just to a small village in Judea, but to the entire world—represented by the arrival of the Magi.

In our modern lives, January is often a month of resolutions and fresh starts. It can also be a time of "winter blues" as the days remain short and the air grows cold. The season of Epiphany offers us a spiritual counter-narrative to the mid-winter gloom:

Seeking: Like the Wise Men, we are invited to look up from our daily distractions and notice where God is moving.

Following: Faith is rarely a static state; it is a journey. Sometimes that journey requires us to travel "by another way" than we originally planned.

Offering: The Magi brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This month, consider what unique gifts you are called to lay at the feet of Christ—your time, your compassion, or perhaps your renewed commitment to justice.

As we move through these coming weeks, let us be a people who don't just celebrate the light, but reflect it. May your January be filled with "Aha!" moments of grace and the quiet confidence that the Star of Bethlehem still shines for you today.



**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)

Happy New Year! We have celebrated the new church year with Advent and our calendar new year on January 1st. The new year starts off as a clean slate. Anything and everything are possible. Now is a good time to reflect on the past year and make plans for the new year. How do you reflect and plan?

To reflect on the past year, some families keep a jar and fill it with good memories throughout the year. Then on New Year's Eve, they read through all the memories from the past year. Some families look back over their calendars for the past year and all the events written down. Other families share a favorite memory from the past year around the dinner table. For those ready to dig a little deeper, here are some suggested questions.

What was the most important thing that happened this year?

What was the most enjoyable thing that happened?

What happened which came unexpectedly but was greatly appreciated?

Looking ahead and planning for the new year can also take many forms. Some families write down 1 or 2 significant events (i.e. first day of school, family vacation) and post them on the refrigerator as a reminder of things to come. Other families go through the family calendar together and write down all those significant events among the day-to-day ones.

Do you have a personal tradition you follow to help reflect and look ahead?



Diaper Drive Kick Off

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.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast January 10th Stockstill Hall 8:00am

Come and join us for the January 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 January 10th!



ROMEOS

Join us for our monthly gathering of St. Peter's Romeos, a.k.a. Retired Old Men Eating Out, on **Tuesday, January 20th, 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 Update

About thirty ladies gathered this past Tuesday for the annual Advent potluck luncheon at Beck Sullivan's neighborhood clubhouse—and it was so much fun! We enjoyed delicious food, warm fellowship, and plenty of Christmas cheer.

Please join us for the next **Church Chicks** gathering—all ladies are welcome! We'll meet on **Tuesday, January 20th at 11:30 a.m.** We generally dine out; the restaurant is still to be determined, so please watch for announcements in the *St. Peter's Press* and the weekly email.



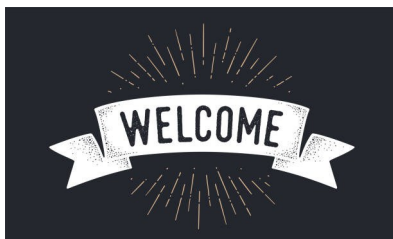
CENTERING PRAYER

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.



Newcomer's Reception

Thursday, January 15th–6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about St. Peter's and what it means to be a member of our church, we invite you to attend our Newcomer's Reception. You will meet Father Chuck and the Rev. Sarah Carver and they will share St. Peter's story, give you a sense of our

culture, our spiritual outlook and tell you how you can use your God-given gifts to serve our church family and the community. The reception will be in the Parlor and lasts about one hour. Email the church office at office@stpetersgreenville.com to RSVP.



adult fellowship

Adult Fellowship

Lynn Bauer will host the January Adult Fellowship at her home on 524 Lifescape Lane, Greer, SC 29650 on **Saturday, January 17th, 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.



January 18, 2026 Chaplain's Cross to Father Chuck Messer

The Peace of the Holy Comforter Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King have installed Rev. Chuck Messner as their Chaplain. Father Chuck will be our advisor and spiritual guide as he provides pastoral care and liturgical services. In addition, he will communicate the work of The Order to other clergy. Rev. Chuck Messner was installed on November 13, 2025 and today we are able to give him his chaplain's cross to wear while serving as our Chaplain. We will present the cross at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services so that the congregation can witness our call to Chuck and his commitment to the Chapter.

ANGEL TREE FINAL REPORT

Thanks to everyone who participated so generously in our 2025 Angel Tree. We provided clothing and gifts for 30 children, 18 at the Hispanic church in Taylors and 12 in the Greenville Salvation Army program. We will be posting pictures on the bulletin board in January so be on the lookout!





St Peter's Women's Retreat, FEB 20-22

When: Feb. 20-22
Where: Camp Fellowship
Cost: \$230 for a shared room and 6 delicious meals
We will:

- participate in a program based on Jeremiah 18:6
- Create meaningful crafts
- Make lasting connections with fellow parishioners

Email Diane Messer at 1980messer@gmail.com to register. \$100 payment is due by Dec. 31

*Needs-based scholarships are available



12 Hours of Christmas!

Thanks to all who came out and supported our 12 Hours of Christmas. Games and laughter was had by all!

Creation Care Corner—January 2026

Make a New Years Resolution that Really Matters

This New Year, consider making a resolution that's good for the planet! Check out "26 Sustainable Resolutions for 2026" for some great ideas (<https://safeworldwide.org/26-sustainable-resolutions-for-2026/>). If you are a regular reader of the Creation Care Corner, many of these ideas will sound familiar, but maybe this will inspire you to try to commit to doing one thing differently this year. Remember, when it comes to Creation Care, nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something!



**CREATION
CARE**

JANUARY*

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:00pm AA Stockstill	3
4 Baby Drive Kick Off 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II	5 12:00pm Olli Players - SH	6 Epiphany 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Peter's 7:00pm AA Stockstill	7 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	8 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:00pm Olli Players - SH 5:00pm Girl Scouts	9 7:00pm AA Stockstill	10 11:00am Vestry Orientation - Choir Rm/Kitchen 12:00pm Girl Scouts - Education Wing & SH
11 Epiphany Sunday 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 - SH 5:00pm LEGO Night!	12 12:00pm Soul Food Lunch 1:00pm Olli Players - Choir Rm 6:00pm Vestry - Stockstill	13 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Peter's 7:00pm AA Stockstill	14 9:00am PEO Chapter Stockstill 10:30am Endowment - Parlor 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	15 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:00pm Olli Players - SH 2:30pm Daughters of the King - Parlor 6:00pm Newcomer's Reception 6:30pm Girl Scouts - Stockstill	16 7:00pm AA Stockstill	17 6:00pm Adult Fellowship
18 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II	19 Martin L. King, Jr. Day Office Closed 1:00pm Olli Players - SH	20 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Peter's 11:30am Church Chicks 11:30am ROMEOS 3:30pm Stephen Ministry - Stockstill 7:00pm AA Stockstill	21 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	22 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:00pm Olli Players - SH 5:00pm Girl Scouts	23 Vestry Retreat 7:00pm AA Stockstill	24 Vestry Retreat 6:30am Feed Thy Neighbor
25 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II	26 12:00pm Soul Food Lunch 1:00pm Olli Players - Choir Rm	27 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Peter's 7:00pm AA Stockstill	28 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 1:30pm PEO Chapter Stockstill 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	29 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:00pm Olli Players - SH 5:00pm Girl Scouts	30 7:00pm AA Stockstill	31

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
Erik Nichols, son of Rich & 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 Rusonis—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
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

	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Ushers 8:30	Karla & Littlejohn McSwain	Loretta & Bill Hartzell	Alice & Art Slayton	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	Gayle McKee	Tim Wilkerson	Mary Wright	Tom Priddy
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	Larry Myatt Malissa Hawkins	Bob James Wes Smith	Kathleen Brady Kathy Siegel	Larry Myatt Kelly Romero
Lector 10:30	Mary Wright Shawn Dunham	Valerie Sports Brock Vaughn	Debbie Cannada Marilyn Jones	Thom & Melinda Long
Server	Leila Kluttz	Shelby Allison	Aria Pelino	Harry Hawkins
Crucifer	Cameron Brooks	Sadie Allison	Ava Pelino	Nora Durham
Torch Bearers	Colin Hitner Henry Purvis	Sadie Chapman Harry Hawkins	Colin Hitner Jack Forbes	Cameron Brooks Sadie Chapman
Chalice Bearers 8:30	Tim Wilkerson Wes Smith	Dot Closs Kathleen Brady	Margaret Boineau Marty Masters	Marilyn Jones Bob James
Chalice Bearers 10:30	Patti Navilliat Thom Long	Shawn Dunham Debbie Cannada	Brock Vaughn Dot Closs	Gina Pelino Dot Closs
A/V	Brad Brooks Matthew Purvis	Marilyn Jones Mike Jones	Tucker Allison Henry Purvis	Debbie Cannada Tucker Allison

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Carolyn Hassaj	19	Sarah Carver
04	Kennis McIlroy	21	Megan Lauber
06	Susan Leaphart	23	Nate Leech
07	Jude Church	24	Natalie Morse
08	Art Slayton	25	Eva Rose Romero
	Haddie Davis	26	Gary Taylor
11	Lynn Bauer,	27	Erin Allison
	Larry Robinson		Judy Taylor
12	Edison Cope	28	Beth Trenor
13	Chuck Messer	29	Deidre Price
18	Everett McGee		



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02	Denise & Tim Wilkerson
03	Laura & Alan Foster
06	Margaret & Harry Hawcroft
20	Priscilla & Craig Maumus



FAITH FORUM

Sunday, 9:30 am - Stockstill Hall

Faith Forum is an adult Christian formation experience presented on Sunday mornings, from 9:30-10:15 a.m., in Stockstill Hall. We explore a wide range of topics, including Scripture, church history and traditions, liturgical seasons, community outreach, and creation care. All parishioners and visitors are welcome. (No sign-up or preparation required.)

Christianity in America

*In 2026, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. With that in mind, **Faith Forum** will kick off the New Year with a four-part series on Christianity in American History.*

Jan. 11: What role did Christianity play in the creation of our republic, and what did the Founding Fathers really think about the separation of church and state? *(Led by Dotti Priddy)*

Jan. 18: How involved were American churches in both the support of slavery and in its condemnation? *(Led by Dotti Priddy)*

Jan. 25: From the Great Awakening to Christian Nationalism, what trends have American Christians embraced throughout our history? *(Led by Dotti Priddy)*

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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