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PROCLAIMER

January 2026

What's in a Name?

January 1 is one of the most holy, yet forgotten, celebrations on the church calendar. It is appointed as the festival "The Name of Jesus". The text for this day is below:

Luke 2:15-21—*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

So why is it so important that the baby's name is Jesus? Names represent power and authority. To know the name of a person is important, and being called by name means you are important. Jesus is an important name for this baby. In Greek, the name can also be translated Joshua, except that this baby will do more than lead God's people out of the bondage of Egypt and into the Promised Land. This baby will save the entire world from the bondage of sin. Whereas God gave a verb for a name (I Am), and whereas God did not let anyone see his face lest they die, this baby will do so much more. Knowing his name helps us to know the relationship that we have with him, knowing that we can call upon his name, the very name of the image (icon in Greek, see Colossians 1:15) of God made flesh. Through Jesus, God has finally answered Moses question, and also has given us a glimpse at what salvation with God means. I hope that this will give you some new things to think about next time you (or we together) pray "In Jesus' Name."

*God's Peace,
Pastor Judson*



CHURCH BUSINESS

St. Peter's By the Numbers Jan. 1-Nov. 30, 2025

Contributions YTD	\$ 601,909.36
Spent YTD	\$ 625,030.10
Difference YTD	- \$ 23,120.74

Ministry Highlights

by Rachel Price

Church Council will meet December 21st @ 4 pm.

Minutes from that meeting, along with the minutes from the January meeting, will be in the February Proclaimer.

Funds	
General	\$ 58,146.67
Alzheimer's	\$ 1,041.00
Boy Scouts	\$ 65.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 250.00
David Davis Ministry	\$ 340.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 275.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 790.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,095.00
Music Ministry	\$ 15.00
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 35.00
Poinsettias	\$ 300.00
Safety Ministry	\$ 240.00
School Supplies	\$ 450.00
Snack Sack Ministry	\$ 700.00
SPLC Disaster Relief	\$ 80.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Youth Silent Auction	\$ 4,261.02
Meredith Arnold Memorial	\$ 50.00
Stan Whiteside Memorial	\$ 200.00
TOTAL GIVING-October	\$ 69,353.69

Funds	
General	\$ 66,866.50
Boy Scouts	\$ 205.00
Cemetery Endowment	\$ 25.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 350.00
David Davis Ministry	\$ 340.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 875.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,555.25
Loving Group-Betty Lou	\$ 1,185.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,500.25
Mission Lexington	\$ 75.00
Missions Market	\$ 1,246.00
Ronald McDonald House	\$ 25.00
Poinsettias	\$ 550.00
Safety Ministry	\$ 685.00
Snack Sack Ministry	\$ 2,640.00
SPLC Disaster Relief	\$ 140.00
World Hunger-Noisy Offering	\$ 85.00
Youth Missions	\$ 310.00
Dick Sullivan Memorial	\$ 50.00
Stan Whiteside Memorial	\$ 150.00
TOTAL GIVING-November	\$ 79,858.00



CHURCH BUSINESS



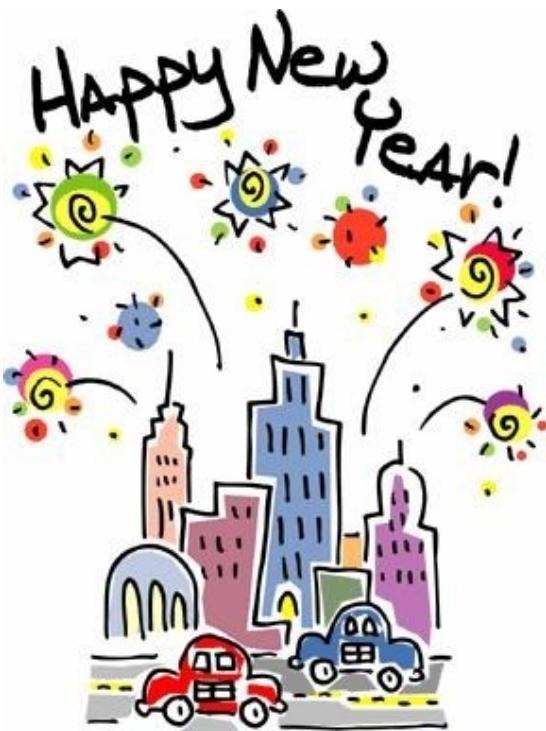
Sunday, December 7th we dedicated this beautiful new portrait of our buildings done in *colored pencil* by our member, Gretchen Parker. Memorial money from Marvin & Zoe Hendrix (grandparents of Matt Hendrix) was used to commission this piece. The original will hang in the elevator lobby.

Each household gets a free print for their home. Please come by the church office to get yours.

THANK YOU, GRETCHEN!



COMING ATTRACTIONS



ALL COMMITTEE ENCOUNTER

Sunday, January 11th @ 3:00 pm

If you are serving on a Committee in 2026 (or are interested in a specific task), please join us! We will have a table for each & chairs will be elected. We'll have coffee, cookies and fellowship and get to work planning activities for the entire year and adding them to the church calendar.

2026 Church Dates to Remember

January 11—All Committee Encounter @ 3 pm/PLC

February 1—Soup Supper @ 6 pm

February 17—Pancake Supper

February 18—Ash Wednesday

March 29—Palm Sunday

April 2—Maundy Thursday / **April 3**—Good Friday

April 5—Easter

May 3—Homecoming Celebration

May 24—Pentecost / Confirmation

May 29—St. Peter's Night @ the Blowfish

June 7-11—Vacation Bible School

July 6-11—NALC Continental Youth Gathering

MUSIC MINISTRY



Join us

**Sunday,
February 1st
6 pm—Parish
Life Center**

If you are new to our church and have never attended our annual **Soup Supper**, then you are in for a treat! The members of our Worship & Music Committee each make a pot of soup or stew. Congregation rotates bringing sides. This year's assignments are:

A-H brings Salads

I-P brings Desserts

Q-Z brings Sandwiches

There is also wild entertainment, things you don't hear on Sunday mornings. We let our hair down as it were.

**Join us for the
best party of the year!**



MATINS CHOIR

Mondays @ 6: 30 pm

Now accepting new members!

(okay, we're always accepting new members)

We lead worship @ 8: 30 am each Sunday and would love to have you join our ranks. We laugh, learn cool music, and we eat cake once a month! What's not to love about that? Contact Craig or Carol with questions.





THANK YOU, ETC.



Dear St. Peter's Family,

Thank you so much for all the thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

A special thank you to the Service Committee and Lydia Circle for the beautiful cards & basket this year.

God bless you all may you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ,
Lonna Paul



CONTINENTAL YOUTH GATHERING JULY 2026 SEE CLAY FOR DETAILS

Dear Church Family,

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of the Missions Market! Our aim was to surpass last year's achievements, and we certainly did! It would not have been possible without the countless volunteers giving of their time & talent.

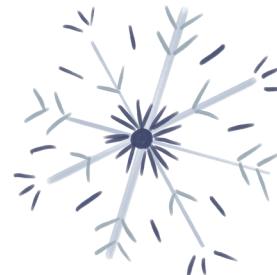
This year, we raised a total of \$7,501.87! Thanks to the market's success, we can donate to the four chosen charities: Leeza's Care Connection, Relay for Life, Mission Lexington, and Dickerson Children's Advocacy Center.

Thank you!

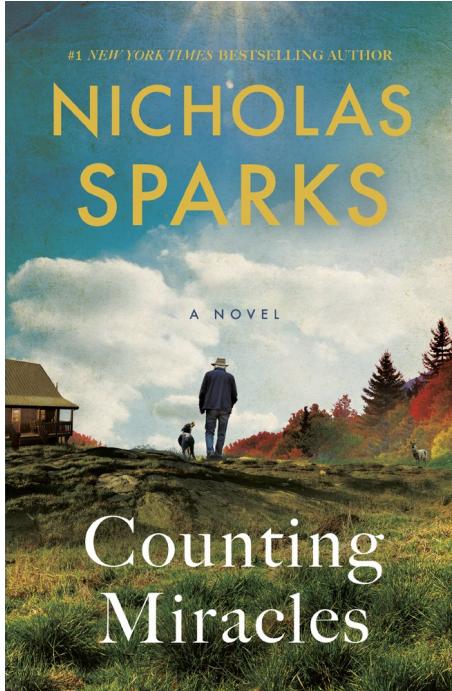
Rachel Price & Service Committee



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



JANUARY BOOK CLUB



Counting Miracles—The story weaves together the lives of an Army Ranger searching for his biological father, a single mother he connects with, and an elderly man obsessed with protecting a legendary white deer.

It is an emotional novel about love, loss, second chances, and the idea of “belonging”. The narrative follows three main character arcs that eventually intersect in Asheboro, North Carolina:

Tanner Hughes: An Army Ranger who has spent his life traveling the world. After his grandmother's passing, her dying wish sends him on a quest to find the father he never knew.

Kaitlyn Cooper: A single mother and doctor in Asheboro who meets Tanner. They feel an immediate connection, but the relationship is complicated by Tanner's transient lifestyle and the short time he plans to stay.

Jasper: An 83-year-old recluse haunted by a past tragedy. He lives alone with his dog, Arlo, and becomes consumed with protecting a mythical white deer that has reportedly been spotted in the nearby national forest.

We will meet to discuss
Thursday, January 29th

Join us for Hand Crocheting!

Yes, you read that right. We'll be making crocheted blankets. No needles needed, just two hands.

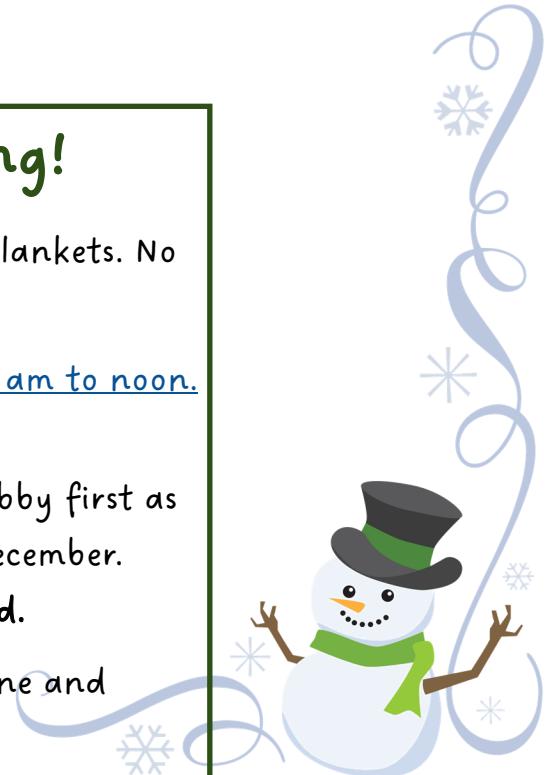
Saturday, January 17th in the Fellowship Hall from 10 am to noon.

(click above to sign up)

You will need 5 skeins of bulky yarn. Check Hobby Lobby first as they put their yarn on sale for 30% off during December.

Yarn Bee Eternal Bliss Yarn is what you need.

If you don't need an afghan, consider making one and sending it to a family in Burnsville, NC.



SERVING IN JANUARY



	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Acolyte Early	Julianna Schreiber	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Addison Merrell
Late	Jacob Johnson	Billy Boehringer	Lilly Johnson	Jack Carlton
Altar Flowers	Dennis & Jo Wessinger	Bobby & Christy Harmon	Bob & Barbara Weed	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock
Altar Guild	LeeAnn Crapps & Catherine Porth			
Bulletins	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman			
Coffee Time	Volunteer Appreciated	Busters	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated
Communion Assistants Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Pat Allen Brenda Hedgecock	Bread: Pastor Cassie Steve Wyndham Wine: Ellen Knehans Michele Zee	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Judy Nichols Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Diane Robison
Communion Assistants Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Ernie Chaplin Jo Wessinger	Bread: Pastor Cassie Martin Bowers Wine: Barbara Weed Debbie Marcolini	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Marie Eargle Barbara Weed	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Bobbi Buff Cindy Evans
Greeters Early	Rochelle Roof	Carol Arnold	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	Paul & Diane Robison
Late	Volunteer Appreciated	Rochelle Roof	Marie Eargle	Barbara Weed
Lectors Early	Pat Allen	Michele Zee	Judy Nichols	Paul Robison
Late	Tommy Chaplin	Donna Shealy	Marie Eargle	Catherine Oxner
Pew Crew	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman			
Ushers	Ean Crapps & Keith McMillan —Co-Chairs / Dory Arnold, Alden Crapps, Bobby Harmon, Tanner Long, Chris Marcolini, Landis Sandel, & Dennis Wessinger			

PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

- Bulletin—Noon on Wednesdays
- Proclaimer—15th of every month
- Prayer List—5 pm on Wednesdays

If you are available to fill one of these open slots, please call Carol at the church office. THANK YOU!!



January BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Lisa Leitzsey Bobby Harmon Jane Risinger Mike Rowell	13th	Rory Branham	26th	Bobby Arnold Jane Burnett Miles Hendrix Ashley Anne McMullan Steve Wyndham
5th	Natalie Carter John Oxner Randall Smith	14th	Tetie Paul	27th	Vickie Davis
6th	Stephen Kupchinsky Mitchell Bowman	15th	Ken Lunsford Russell Rawl	28th	Teresa Bickley Martin Craps
7th	Billy Boehringer	17th	Catherine Porth	29th	Becky Porth Raymond Jones Fulmer Shealy
8th	Jillian Leitzsey Anna Kate Davis	18th	Lorelei Williams	30th	Claude Lindler
9th	Sylvia Durden	19th	Julie Watkins	31st	Stella Hendrick Oddie Porth
10th	Lynn Roberts	20th	Marilyn Dozier Michael Harmon		
11th	Rhea Claire Riley	22nd	Charlie Eargle Carolyn Weed		
12th	Jason Watkins	24th	Allan Smith		
		25th	Matt Hendrix		



January ANNIVERSARIES

4th	Dennis & Jo Wessinger	51 years
10th	Oddie & Joyce Porth	61 years
19th	Michael & Amanda Hook	18 years
21st	Bob & Barbara Weed	60 years
23rd	Indy & Teresa Deliz	16 years
24th	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	57 years
24th	Doug & Kathy Schreiber	56 years
29th	Steve & Donna Alford	43 years



**JANUARY
WEEKLY
SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY	
8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	SonShine Choir
10:00 am	Angel Choir
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
4:00 pm	Handbells
4:00 pm	Cub Scouts/SH
5:00 pm	Youth
MONDAY	
6:30 pm	Matins Choir
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts/SH
TUESDAY	
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	
10:00 am	Bible Study/FH

CR: Conference Room
FH: Fellowship Hall
GR: Gathering Rm in PLC
PLC: Parish Life Center
SH: Scout Hut
YR: Youth Room



January 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Continental Youth Gathering July 2026 See Clay for details				1 	2 	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <small>3 pm—All Committee Encounter</small>	12	13	14	15	16	17 <small>Crochet Blanket Class 10 am</small>
18 <small>Council 4 pm/CR</small>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <small>Loving Group 10:30 am</small>	28	29 <small>Book Club 6:30 pm/GR</small>	30	31

*"After silence,
 that which comes
 nearest to expressing
 the inexpressible
 is music."*

—ALDOUS HUXLEY

