St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

April 2023



Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Taken from the Paschal Troparion of the Eastern Orthodox Church, these words sum up perfectly for me the mystery of Easter. In my mind, I see the Crucified Lord rising, and as he is rising the great shadow of death is cast away, cast away for death can abide no longer in the presence of unencumbered, unbroken Life. By death, death was undone. And not just death, but all of death's minions.

Hatred, violence, rejection, division...all of these, and more, are ultimately put to death by the death of Jesus Christ and his rising from the grave.

And yet, we still bear witness to a kind of 'living memory' of these things in the world and, perhaps, in our own hearts.

The challenge for us, then, is to make the presence of the Risen Christ so real in our lives that the memory of death and all its minions no longer has a hold. Perhaps when the world sees Christians illuminated by the light of the Risen Christ they too will be caught up in this great mystery, and the 'living memory' of death and all its minions will finally be forgotten, and the world can truly know that Christ has trampled down death by death.

Our Holy Week services were vibrant and enlivening opportunities to enter into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, but we are challenged to make the reality we experienced in the sanctuary a reality we experience outside in the world. This Easter Season, don't just remember that Christ has risen from the grave. Make it an ever-present reality.

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We Need Your Skills!

With our beautiful, old facility there are always small projects and needed repairs. We're also blessed with talented folks. If you're willing to help on occasion, please let us know how you'd be willing to help. Reach out to me, and when something comes up, I'll get in touch. Thanks in advance!



John Thompson 252-947-0497 johnsabertjr@gmail.com Jr. Warden



The Blessing Box needs canned meats/ready to eat meals, fruits & vegetables. Please buy the cans with pull rings for convenience. Thank you for your generosity.



Children's Sunday School meets each Sunday at 11:15am Upstairs in the Youth Room.

Just a quick note to remind everyone that if you receive a suspicious email or text from church clergy or staff asking for donations to purchase gift cards, send money to paypal, etc., please know that it is a scam. If you ever receive questionable communication which appears to be from the church or even fellow parishioners, please call the church office or contact the parishioner directly to verify BEFORE taking any action. 252-946-8151

Giving to Saint Peter's has never been easier!

- *Automatic Credit/Debit Card Payments
- *Gifts of Securities
- *If you are over 70 1/2, consider directing all or a portion of your RMD from your IRA to the church.

Please check with your tax advisor to see if you would benefit from using any of these options.

*Also, to make pledge payments or to give for any reason, you can do so from our website via the online giving link at <u>www.saintpetersnc.org</u> or scan the QR code.

*Mail your payment to PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889

If you need assistance with any of these options, email or call Jennifer Spivey at the church office. (946-8151, jennifer@saintpetersnc.org)





Our Financial Assistance Committee accepts requests from those in need of assistance with utilities and rent each Monday. Donations to the Financial Assistance Fund support these needs and are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to St. Peter's with "FAP" in the memo line. You can also donate online via the website at saintpetersnc.org.





Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8am-3pm Fri 8am-12pm

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Please Pray For:



Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. The Book of Common Prayer.

<u>Please Pray for:</u> Rina Barbaccia-cousin of Stephanie Williams, Eric Bonpain-son-in-law of Bet & Tom Archie, Chris Burnett-friend of Bernice Marle, Terry & Sallie Cutts-friends of Joffre Fisher, Margaret Harris-friend of Joffre Fisher, Leigh Ann Hudson-daughter-in-law of Gayle & Keith Hudson, Pam Huss-friend of Cathy & Roy Whichard, Patty Jackson-friend of Pat & Fred Holscher, Bryce Miller-friend of Gayle & Keith Hudson, Cecilia Noehl -Jay- friend of Stephanie Williams, Tom Payne-member, Bob Savage-friend of Bernice Marle, Leta Thompson-member, Donna Wilkinson-friend of Lois & Bill McLaughlin, Mark Zenobia-friend of Aynn & Ken Hadley.



From the Rector: "One thing I love about Saint Peter's is how willing we are to pray for those in need. We are indeed a prayerful people. A chief tool we use for this is the Prayer List found in our bulletins. Lately, I have noticed that our prayer list has gotten quite large, and when I've spoken to a few folks on the list, they didn't realize their names were still there. To

make the labor of our prayers more efficient, we are adapting how we maintain the Prayer List. Going forward, when a name is added to the list, it will remain there for 4 weeks. If we haven't received an update, we will remove that name at the conclusion of those 4 weeks. By keeping the Prayer List more up-to-date, the staff are able to more effectively keep track of ongoing pastoral needs. Thank you all for your faithfulness in prayer, especially for those in such desperate need of love."

Peace, Chris

St. Peter's has supported the **Zion Shelter and Soup Kitchen** since its inception more than 30 years ago. In the beginning, men of our church spent the night welcoming the homeless men and sleeping there among them. Today we continue our support, monetarily. In addition, we supply lunches on the first Friday of each month to the shelter occupants on the weekend. Fifteen lunches are packed and delivered by St. Peter's volunteers. Detailed instructions and a sign-up sheet may be found on the bulletin board by Jennifer's office. Thank you to all who have participated.

Volunteers are needed in September onward so please consider signing up if this is something you might enjoy!



Feeling left out during the offering since you didn't bring cash?

Never fear! Simply scan this code with your smartphone and
you can donate safely and
securely through our Online Giving platform.

On behalf of the 22 Kindergarten children we are serving at Eastern Elementary School this year, thank you for your generosity in supporting their nutritional needs.

We still have a few weeks left of school, and we will be hitting the ground running again in the Fall, so if you would like to make a contribution to Back Pack Buddies, we can ALWAYS use the funds. Feeding needy children is an honor and a privilege for our parish, but it is also expensive—so if you would like to help our young friends feel healthier and perform better, send your check to St. Peter's Church (BPB on the memo line), PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889.

Every penny you give will be spent on healthy food for local children!

Parish Directory Update

We have many new faces amongst us! Some folks have moved, changed email addresses or have new phone numbers.



Please make sure to stop by the table just outside Jennifer's office to review and confirm your contact information on the master list. Thanks for helping us keep in touch with one another!



- 5/1 Henry Andrews, Pattie Graves, Tabitha Roberson
- 5/5 Martha Harding
- 5/6 Betty Jarvis
- 5/7 Nita Lee
- 5/8 Sharon Mangan, Lee Anne Stiles
- 5/10 Steven Lee, Jr..
- 5/11 Mary Kathryn McGahey
- 5/12 Gabby Adame, Bruce Jarvah
- 5/13 Mary Currin, Israel Mendieta
- 5/14 Carol Nash
- 5/15 Trip Bliley, Jean Sterling
- 5/16 Susan Hodges
- 5/18 Bernice Marle, Catherine Partrick, Christopher Ramirez
- 5/19 Meredith Hernandez-Espinoza
- 5/20 Eduviges Flores, Santos Rivera Tavera
- 5/22 Whit Powell
- 5/23 Bryant Dominguez Higuera, Victoria Gachuz, Deire Madero
- 5/26 Keith Hardt
- 5/27 Olivia Paszt
- 5/28 Bill Cochran, Jr., Denniz Lora
- 5/29 Brandon Hernandez-Espinoza, Brian Miller, Edgar Serrano
- 5/30 Inda Hill

YARD SALE

Friday, April 28th, 3pm -6pm
Saturday, April 29th 7am-10am
Zion Episcopal Church
Fellowship Hall
7302 Hwy 264 East, at Bright Acres Rd,
2 miles beyond Beaufort County Community College

Extensive selection of collectibles, household items, men's and women's clothing and much more.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY

UTO Spring Ingathering-May 14, 2023

The United Thank Offering (UTO) of the Episcopal Church is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God's mission throughout the world. These prayers start when we recognize and name our many blessings.

If you wish to practice the discipline of thankfulness, please pick up a blue box from the Narthex of the church, chapel or Gardner Hall. Start putting in coins or cash for your thanksgivings and bring your UTO gift to church on Sunday, May 14th.

Every penny will be forwarded to the Diocese, for every penny represents someone's prayer of thanksgiving. The money will be used to address human needs and help to alleviate poverty. Locally, Ruth's House and the Albemarle Food Bank have been recipients of UTO grants.

Lou Carter, UTO Chair (252-508-6136)



"You are never more like Jesus than when you pray for others." (Max Lucado) We have a dedicated prayer team at Saint Peters. If you want to be "one that prays for others," please join our team. If you are in need of prayer for yourself or for someone else, you can call Joffre Fisher at 919-801-3192 or 252-946-2352 and know that prayer will begin in "real

time." All of these requests are confidential and we are on call 24/7.



Diocese of East Carolina ECW Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 215 Ann Street, Beaufort

9:30 am

Registration and Coffee

10:00 am

Annual Meeting



Keynote speaker is Jan Hemby. Jan enjoys writing books that bring the truth of God's love to everyday life. She has written two devotional books as well as a fiction series. Jan currently serves as the ECW President at St.Timothy's Episcopal Church in Wilson.



12:00 pm

Holy Eucharist Bishop Robert Skirving, Celebrant

Lunch to follow

Please make \$30 check payable to Diocese of East Carolina-ECW and mail to P.O. Box 771, Morehead City NC 28557 by May 1, 2023.

Any questions, email our Treasurer, Mary Duane Hale, at hale.maryduane@gmail.com.





Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser

Win Cash Prizes Totaling

up to \$3,000

April 29, 2023 at "Old" Kugler Field (4th and Hudnell).

Balls will drop at 11:30 AM

1st Prize - \$1,500 2nd Prize - \$1,000 3rd Prize- \$ 500

Numbered golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter over a target on Kugler Field.

If your ball is one of three closest to the target, you win!

You do not need to be present to win! Profits benefit Bright Futures, Kiwanis service projects/ scholarships to the youth of Beaufort county. Every dollar spent on balls, directly supports the youth of our community!

1 Ball - \$25 5 Balls - \$100

Silver Sponsor - 10 Balls, \$200 (recognized at the event)

Gold Sponsor - 20 Balls, \$300 (Listed on marketing and recognized at the event)

To Purchase Tickets Please go to https://www.charityvalet.com/KWNC
Deadline for ticket sales is 11:15 am on the day of drop
Tickets may be purchased at the event.

Or directly from a Kiwanis member by check or cash. For any questions or help to make a purchase

Contact: Kevin Hardy (252) 588-0059 Kevinhardycustom@gmailcom or Ray Dennis (252) 946-6714 Raynmarydennis@suddenlink.net ECW is pleased to be supporting Rooted Traditions by offering their soaps, ointments, and shampoos for sale. These Episcopal Farmworkers ladies created their own business growing medicinal herbs and using traditional recipes to create their products. We are their first mail order customer! These products will be available at the ECW Spring luncheon.



ECW Spring Luncheon: Wednesday, May 3 at Noon in All Saints' Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to bring your favorite dish and enjoy fellowship as we end our ECW meetings until the Fall. Please reach out to new members and your pew mates to join us.



Give the Gift of Life

Mark your Calendars for the St. Peter's Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, May 23rd from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
To schedule your appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: St Peters or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
Donors will receive an American Red Cross water bottle and home made snacks from the canteen.

Presently, I am seeking volunteers. This is a great opportunity to jump in and support the St. Peter's community in a small, meaningful way. Bakers are needed - Cakes, Pies, Cookies, whatever you are willing to make. Please contact me if you would like to contribute. Thank you!

Beth Burroughs - burroughs.beth@gmail.com or 703 - 629-4706



The American South: Legacy of Loss, Hope for Reconciliation?" Our own David Loope will be presenting this program on Sunday, April 23 at 2pm in All Saints' Hall. The Friends of Brown Library invite you to join us!