

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

July 2023



“So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” Acts 2:41-47

This is the fruit of the Day of Pentecost, at least the fruit that was visible on that day and in the days soon after. Can you imagine such an event? Yes, the descent of the Spirit is wonderful. But the Spirit didn’t descend just for the thrill of it. The Spirit invaded the apostles on the day of Pentecost so that those who heard their message would be saved.

But they weren’t just saved in an abstract sense. These three thousand people became a part of the family, the Church. And it is indeed a family. Sometimes joyful, sometimes broken. Always in need of God’s grace, and always made up of people. They gathered together in awe of what God had done. But that thought of 3,000 people becoming a part of the family...that is some incredibly inspiring stuff.

For many reasons, we have lately been blessed with visitors and newcomers seeking a church where God’s love is experienced in abundance. I believe we are such a church, and I know you believe that as well.

It’s an incredible privilege that visitors and newcomers want to share their lives with us. Please be in prayer for them as they discern if God is calling them to life at Saint Peter’s. But more than just prayer, make sure they feel like they are truly a part of the family. Invite them over for dinner. Celebrate their joys. Be there for them in their sorrow. Love them as fiercely as you love your own family. We are all in this together.



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!



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Wanted: good people who want to serve others by partnering with us in Eagle's Wings food pantry ministry. Opportunities include: working in the food pantry, preparing boxes and bags of food items; retail store pick-ups of donated foods (using our vans); front office reception on Tuesday mornings; data entry Tuesday afternoons; interviewing clients to determine eligibility. Call: Ann-Marie Montague at 252-974-1138 with any questions and/or availability.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**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

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*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 www.saintpetersnc.org 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
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Vestry

Lynn Harrington-Senior Warden/Christian Ed
 John Thompson-Junior Warden
 Sarah Bernart-Communications
 Cathy Capogna-Clerk/Outreach
 Joffre Fisher-Pastoral Care
 Ed Hodges-Stewardship/Newcomers
 Susan Hodges-Worship
 Roberto Jimenez-Hispanic Congregation Liaison
 Carol Nash-Endowment
 Judy Van Dorp-Parish Life



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.

Please Pray for: Ken Adams-father of Chris Adams, Eric Bonpain-son-in-law of Bet & Tom Archie, Tracie Bowen-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Daisy Cameron-mother of Ann Behar, Tim Cashion-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Terry & Sallie Cutts-friends of Joffre Fisher, Mary Dennis-member, JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster-friends of Joffre Fisher, Margaret Harris-friend of Joffre Fisher, Gayle Hudson-member, Christine LeCompte-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Julie Edwards O'Lynnnger-Goddaughter of Clay Carter, Tom Payne-member, Ann Peters-member, Jo Ann Zenger-sister of Dave Waite.

Prayer list requests may be made by completing a prayer card from the pew rack in church or by calling (946-8151) or emailing the church office (communications@saintpetersnc.org). Names will



"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.

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





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.

Good afternoon, friends of Open Door Community Center! The shelter is in need of some supplies. In an effort to be good stewards of our finances, we are reaching out to our ever-growing list of loyal providers before we purchase these items on our own. If you're able to meet any of these needs, please feel free to deliver to our back door (covered porch) or simply email or call, and we'll schedule a pick up with you. Please feel free to pass this list on to your other organizations or friends!

A couple of larger items we're looking for are a **small dining set (to seat 4, round or rectangular)** and some **outdoor seating**. Used furniture is welcome! We are also looking to replace **3 bath mats, a kitchen sink mat, and a laundry room mat**. Maybe you have some you're ready to part with?

Other items in short supply, or in need of replacement, include:

- *Toilet paper
- *kitchen towels & wash cloths
- *Postage stamps
- *#10 envelopes for mailing
- *All purpose cleaning spray
- *Twin comforters

Thank you for considering these needs.

Laurie Stewart

Executive Director

Open Door Community Center

1240 Cowell Farm Road



- 8/1 Liz Cooper, Jimmy Leach, Louis Miller
- 8/2 Rick Gray, Joe Stringer
- 8/3 Martha Larkin
- 8/4 Livi Jones
- 8/5 Tony Capehart, Lynn Harrington, Franz Holscher, Josue Ramirez
- 8/6 Seb Barrett
- 8/7 Stuart Dudley
- 8/9 Mary Dennis, Ellen Nunnelee, Richard Young
- 8/10 Keith Hudson, Audrey Miller
- 8/12 Santiago Espinoza, Susanne Sanders
- 8/13 Caulder Edwards
- 8/14 Athalia Cooper, Stacey Lynch
- 8/15 Dana Cordova, Mark Henley
- 8/16 Delores Darden, Esteban Cristino Sanches
- 8/19 Ken Hadley
- 8/21 Mike McIntrye
- 8/23 Brantley Garner
- 8/25 Mike Pendergrass, Joel Roman, Parker Sheppard
- 8/26 Katherine Hall, Frederick Holscher
- 8/27 Nadine Barrett
- 8/29 Carlos Raul Arballo
- 8/30 Lucy Monatha, Cordelia Stiles, Cathy Whichard
- 8/31 Iveth Serrano

Our sexton, **Nell Anderson**, had a successful knee replacement a couple of weeks ago. She is recovering well and is making all the progress the doctors hoped for. We have placed a basket in the workroom in the office to collect greeting cards as a show of love and encouragement. She is well taken care of in terms of food and support, as she has her adult children with her. If you would like to contribute something more than a greeting card, we would suggest gift cards to Food Lion or Wal-Mart. Her recovery time is 6-8 weeks, but we have employed a temporary sexton to ensure the facilities are properly cleaned for worship. As our temporary sexton isn't able to serve as frequently as Nell, this would be a chance for you to step in and help clean something if you spot it. We've got such a beautiful campus, and we are all stewards of it. Your help during Nell's recovery, if needed, will be a wonderful gift to the parish family! Thank you for being an incredible parish, full of wonderful servants of Christ. Peace, Chris



Trinity Center has a limited number of rooms available over the weekend of July 21-23. Rent an individual room for a minimum of 2 nights at your favorite retreat center by calling our toll free number, 888-874-6287, and ask for Debbie (ext.10) to make your reservation.

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MICHAEL CURRY

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 21

AT EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER MINISTRY

