

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

May 2023



Dear Friends,

When we pray, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” we are asking for God’s creation to truly become the world that God most desires. In God’s longed-for world, we can dare to dream of communities where all people experience an abundant life lived with dignity, understanding that they and all others are truly beloved children of God. Saint Peter’s and The Episcopal Church are diligently working toward racial reconciliation, healing, and justice that is guided by the commitment to Becoming Beloved Community.

This week, a group of men and women from Saint Peter’s concludes our five-week study about systemic racism in the United States, racism in the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of East Carolina, racial reconciliation and personal empowerment, and actively building Beloved Community.

To better understand the physical and emotional harm of racism, Leesa Jones, Executive Director of the Washington Underground Railroad, spoke to us about her personal experiences as a young child and teenager growing up in the segregated South here in Washington in the 1950s and ’60s. To say it was enlightening is an understatement.

This is the third “Beloved Community” program Saint Peter’s has sponsored with more to come in the future. If you have not participated in either Sacred Ground or Becoming Beloved Community, but are curious about engaging in programs that are transformative in growing more fully into meaningful Christian life that will fulfill God’s kingdom on earth, speak with Rev’d. Katherine to discover how you can become part of “Beloved Community.

Your friend,

Katherine+



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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Jr. Warden



Spotlight on some folks who've gone above and deserve our love! Thank you to Fred Scales who worked diligently for days re-mortaring a portion of the church wall. The wall is strengthened and greatly improved. Our thanks go to Martha Larkin, Jane Taylor, and Lourdes Williamson for moving vestments and costumes from the choir room and adjoining hallway upstairs to an unused office in Gardner Hall. This was a heavy job! Kudos go to Janet Bradbury for cleaning up (and cleaning out) a back office, transforming it into a spacious room for vases, ribbons, and floral supplies. It is now a great space for arranging flowers, making Christmas bows, etc. Roy Whichard spent an afternoon fortifying many kneelers in the Chapel. We always appreciate his time, talent and TOOLS. And, our churchyard is beautiful, thanks to many hands weeding and trimming often. Thank you to all the Outreach committees who work tirelessly and don't want or need attention, but are getting it now!

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





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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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 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, **Chris Burnett**-friend of Bernice Marle, **Tim Cashion**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Terry & Sallie Cutts**-friends of Joffre Fisher, **JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster**-friends of Joffre Fisher, **Aynn Stowell-Hadley**- member, **Jenna Hadley-Goss**-daughter of Aynn & Ken Hadley, **Jan Hamblin**-friend of Mark Henley, **Margaret Harris**-friend of Joffre Fisher, **Pam Huss**-friend of Cathy & Roy Whichard, **Jim Johnston**-brother of Frank Johnston, **Peggy Koonce**-member, **Christine LeCompte**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Martha Matthews**-member, **Julie Edwards O'Lynnger**-Goddaughter of Clay Carter, **Tom Payne**-member, **Betty Pruitt**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Bob Savage**-friend of Bernice Marle.

****Prayer list requests may be made by completing a prayer card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate or by calling (946-8151) or emailing the church office (communications@saintpetersnc.org). Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days.*



"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.



*Murray Keais Lynch and Elizabeth Ann Key
married
April 29, 2023 in Atlantic Beach, NC*



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.



Adult Sunday School: 'Strange & Sacred: an exploration of 4 WEIRD stories from the Bible' - join us as we explore strange and surprising stories from the Bible that many are unfamiliar with. This is a fun and lively exploration without requiring any background knowledge of the Scripture. The last session will be May 28th. Join us at 9am in ASH.



If you have a graduate to announce: High School, College or Advanced degrees, please share the information with the church office.
 (communications@saintpetersnc.org or 946-8151)



Tuesday - May 23, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
All Saints' Hall

-May is Trauma Awareness Month

The Red Cross depends on the generosity of its donors to ensure blood products are available on a moment's notice.

- "Every two seconds, over 43,000 times a day, someone in the United States needs blood."

- In 2022 there were 49 donors, 25 were St. Peter's Parishioners - . This is a truly a community event.



- 6/1 Bryant Gachuz, Shelby Harris
- 6/2 Jazmin Tellez
- 6/3 Luna Espinoza, Alex Lopez Lora
- 6/5 Gissel Higuera, Marcus Jones
- 6/6 Ryan Tavera, Carol Tayloe
- 6/7 Sarah Bernart, Julia Concha, Dave Waite
- 6/8 Mary Todd MacKenzie
- 6/9 Susan Dawson, Peggy Hudson, Hannah Whichard
- 6/11 Barbara Smith
- 6/12 Bettye Christian
- 6/13 Diane Furlough
- 6/14 Macon Lee, Allan Tellez
- 6/15 Peter Robinson
- 6/16 Aurelia Gachuz
- 6/17 Kitty Carter
- 6/19 Joy Rodman
- 6/21 Frank Stallings
- 6/22 Betty Gray, Yannileene Tellez
- 6/24 Lind Graves, Dick Leach
- 6/25 Celia Chavez, E.J. Paszt
- 6/26 Joe Pendergast, Sallie Scales
- 6/27 Ladislao Gachuz, Bob Thomas
- 6/28 Brandon Adame, Becky Leach, Mac Skillen
- 6/29 David Francisco
- 6/30 Ed Hodges



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND Availability 2 Night Minimum

Dear Friends:

Trinity Center has a limited number of rooms available over Memorial Day Weekend. 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.

The current charge is \$120 per room per night for one or two people. Meal charges are extra at \$10 per person for breakfast, \$14 per person for lunch and \$16 per person for dinner (lower meal rates for children under 12 years old).

The following practices are in place for individual guests who are not visiting with a group: Trinity Center extends a low-key invitation to members of the Diocese of East Carolina, former guests and friends of Trinity Center to return to Trinity Center on an individual basis. Trinity Center requires a minimum of 2 nights for individual reservations which are based on availability.

Reservations for individual guests are to be made within 2 weeks prior to the requested date. This is to allow Trinity Center staff ample time to accommodate the lodging needs of contracted groups, and then to evaluate the remaining pool of rooms.

Trinity Center staff ask that meal reservations are made at the time of scheduling. These reservations are firm. Please know that changes to reservations are problematic and discouraged.

A valid VISA or MasterCard credit/debit card number is required to be on file with expiration date, CVV and zip code.

In case of cancellations, Trinity Center charges to your card on file a cancellation fee of \$10 per room. The courtesy of at least 24 hours notice of cancellation is greatly appreciated.

Prior to arrival Trinity Center will charge the card on file for all initial charges. Any added costs accumulated during the visit will be charged at departure time.

No adjustment/refund will be made for individuals missing meals or departing a night early.

Your support of Trinity Center is always greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

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



Sunday School Picnic

When: Sunday, June 11th at 11:30 am

Where: Pirate's Park, Festival Park

What: Picnic Lunch and Play!

Who: all youth



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

At this time, our supply shelves are nearly empty!

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry to feed those in our community in need.

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