

Keynotes

April 2026

Have you ever had the experience of a medical insurance company denying your prescription without ever talking to you about your needs? That happened to me just the other day. A medicine I've been using for years... denied. No letter. No call. Nothing. I was able to get it worked out, but the point still stands. So often, our lives are lived under the thumb of somebody else. Or they are shaped and molded by those who have no idea about our lived experiences, our realities. What goes on behind our eyes is an entire world, a world of our own, a world that nobody can ever truly understand. Honestly, we won't fully know ourselves when it's all said and done.

But to understand one another, we must *listen* to each other. More than listen, we must inquire of one another. We should be asking our friends about the state of their souls and the character and virtue in their hearts. We should ask our friends daily what weighs them down, and ask our lovers what has crushed them or brought them joy. We should be doing everything we can to understand the people around us, the people with whom we spend so much of our lives.

What's wonderful about Jesus is that he was, and remains, an understanding person. One who listens to our pain and doesn't judge us for it. If he loved Judas, he would love us. Since he loved Judas, we know that he extends that same love to everybody else. Jesus understood the pain in his heart, and loved him still. How can you be more like Jesus than my insurance company? How can you hold the burdens of your neighbors and tend to the needs of your family and friends? How can you open up your arms of love, sit with the hurting, and do God's work this week?

Forget BlueCrossBlueShield. I'm more interested in the Cross of Christ! Listen to the world, so you can know best where to place the healing salve of Christ's love.



A very enthusiastic, heartfelt thank you to our SPC congregation for the generosity shown to our Back Pack Buddies at Eastern Elementary. Your donations - through “noisy buckets,” Christmas honor cards and “whenever I can” donations have provided 25 Kindergartners weekend food this entire school year. You have shown them kindness and LOVE! The children, their families, and their teachers send a big hug to to all who have helped. Thanks also to the SPC Back Pack Buddies committee members who work beautifully together purchasing food, stocking shelves, bagging and delivering bundles to the school.

“None of us can help everyone. But all of us can help someone. And when we help them, we serve Jesus. Who would want to miss a chance to do that?” – Max Lucado



Would you like to support our active and growing Youth Group by providing a meal on Sunday evenings? Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Your help is much appreciated!

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



The church directory is **always** being updated. If you'd like a current copy, come by the office and get the latest version.



Giving to Saint Peter's has never been easier!

*Automatic Credit/Debit Card Payments

*If you are 73, 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 this option.

*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 8:30am-3pm
Fri 8:30am-12pm

Saint Peter's Clergy & Staff

The Very Reverend Christopher Adams, Rector
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The Venerable Janet Sueiro Rodman,
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Isabel Gomez	Sexton
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Missy Parker	Day School Director
Catherine Partrick	Parish Secretary
Charles Porter	Interim Music Shepherd
Jennifer Spivey	Parish Administrator
Jane Taylor	Church Musician



Vestry

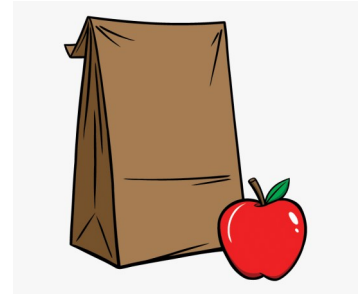
Inda Hill-Senior Warden
Patrick Nash-Junior Warden

Mike Behar
Deeanna Burleson
Jay Dixon
Emily Garner
Pat Griffin
Mark Henley
Dave Loope
Ashley Padgett
Bob Puphal-Clerk
Howard Smith



Every Wednesday at 7am and 11am the Holy Eucharist is celebrated. We reflect on the lives of significant saints in the history of the Church and are empowered by their faithful witness to the Gospel. These services are wonderful opportunities to be encouraged and strengthened in your discipleship. The 11 am service also includes anointing with holy oil and special prayers for healing as desired.

Zion Sack Lunch Ministry – Lunches for Zion patrons may now be delivered to 328 N. Market Street, beside “House of Styles” barber shop. You may park behind it and someone will assist you. A revised list of guidelines is available on the bulletin board beside Jennifer’s office. Thank you for your participation!



USHERS NEEDED



Please prayerfully consider being an usher for Saint Peter’s; a much appreciated and fulfilling calling! Duties include greeting and directing members and visitors, assisting with seating, collecting offerings, and providing assistance to those in need. If this is something that interests you, please contact Hank Van Dorp at (252)214-



If you are interested in becoming a Layreader, please call the church office at 252-946-8151. Your service would be appreciated.



We are looking for new members, past and present, to join us.

Our meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:30pm in the Library.

Questions?

Contact: Chris Chaffer 252-945-1492



5/1 Henry Andrews, Patti Graves,
Tabitha Roberson

5/5 Martha Harding

5/6 Betty Jarvis, Gary Phillips

5/7 Nita Lee

5/8 Sharon Mangan, Lee Anne Stiles

5/10 Steven Lee

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 Tavera

5/22 Meredith Patel, Whit Powell

5/23 Victoria Gachuz, Bryant Higuera, Deire Madero

5/24 Lou Carter

5/26 Keith Hardt

5/27 Gram Barnes, Olivia Paszt

5/28 Denniz Lora

5/29 Brandon Hernandez-Espinoza, Edgar Serrano

5/30 Inda Hill



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: Doug Hylton-friend of Elizabeth Matthews, Diane Igoe-friend of Janet Bradbury, Gary Jackson-friend of Elizabeth Matthews, David Ward Jones -brother of Ashley Padgett, Elizabeth Ann Moore-member, Mike Rocchio-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Marsha & Ed Schneider-friends of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Allison Smith-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Jennifer Spruill-friend of the Blileys, Monica St. Onge & family, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty Cochran, Darlene & Gary Thigpen-friends of Lois & Bill McLaughlin, Marjorie Vreeland-friend of Linda Weathersby, Logan Whitehurst-member, and All active duty military personnel.

*Our condolences are extended to the families and friends of
Sylvia Miltenberger, mother of Sarah Paszt
Ann Peters, member*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life Everlasting.



Volunteers are needed to provide Sunday Snacks for our growing Adult Sunday School Class and social time following the 10am service. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the church office if you are interested in helping out. Thank you and please come join us!

Build it and they will come! We have resumed nursery services for little ones attending our church. The nursery is set up and ready for customers! If you love babies and toddlers, please consider offering to be in the nursery from 10-11 am Sunday mornings. To sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co84AA5A82AA2F8C16-60202942-nursery>

Thank you!





YOU'RE INVITED!
Foodtrucks, Beach, & Fellowship
with the Skirvings
Saturday May 16
1pm-3pm
Trinity Center Beachside Pavillion
Beach House Rd, Pine Knoll Shores 28512

RSVP by May 1: bishoptransitioncommittee@gmail.com

A new **fiber arts group** has begun here at St. Peter's. Our first project is a crocheted tapestry recognizing the many folks in Beaufort County who are homeless. Our first get-together was lots of fun. We hope more of you will join us as we will be meeting every Sunday from 4pm-5pm in the Woolard Meeting Room. All are welcome; those who want to learn how to crochet or knit, as well as seasoned artists! More information can be found on Julia Concha's Facebook & Twitter sites "Love our Neighbors, Washington, NC" or you may call Nancy Hamblin at 252-944-6809.

"Community is a body of people crying for one another, working together for a common cause, enjoying and overlooking (or grimly, tolerating) each other's foibles; it's a rough and beautiful quilt sewn of patches that don't seem to go together at all, and then they do."

Anne Lamott





Thank You

Thank you for helping make our Evening in Parish a HUGE success. We could never have exceeded our goal without the tireless commitment of our committee. I give thanks to all of you: for Olivia for preparing the beautiful invitation to get the ball rolling; Cathy & Susan and their cooks and servers for preparing the delicious and eye appealing food; for Carol and her excellent bartenders for keeping everyone in the right spirits; for Buffa and Helen and her talented committee for transforming ASH into a stunning venue; for the extraordinary team of Nancy, Chris, Verna and Peter for checking in and taking payments from our guests; for Jennifer for all the extra work we generated for her; for Becky and her help with the auction and most importantly for all of you who attended and were generous with your donations and purchases. We can all be proud that our goals of a fun, social and profitable evening were met. I can joyfully announce that we raised more than \$15,000 which will support and allow an increase to our ECW Outreach ministries for the next two years. There aren't enough words to express my gratitude for believing in me and supporting my vision. St. Peter's truly is a church where love and fellowship is present and is a Holy place of God. —Mary



The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Through UTO, all of us - men, women and children - nurture a habit of giving thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Saint Peter's has designated Sunday, May 10th, our Spring Ingathering date. Please use one of the blue boxes or an envelope to make your donation to UTO. All funds collected are sent to the Diocese for grants that address human needs and help alleviate poverty. Thank you for supporting UTO.



SAVE THE DATE

Ordination of the IX Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina

10 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

23 | MAY 2026

**RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER
NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA**



St Peter's Blood Drive - Tuesday, May 12, 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Register online at: redcrossblood.org
or email: burroughs.beth@gmail.com for assistance



Several opportunities are beginning in May as part of the new St. Peter's Community Contemplative Center.

“Wow, what a time we are living.”

*With so much chaos and constant “swirling,” many are asking:
How do I stay grounded? Calm? Clear about how to be?*

***Join Deeanna in an in-person 8-week Mind Body Medicine Program
To Calm the mind, Clear the noise, Choose your response.***

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Washington, NC
The Community Contemplative Center*

Monday May 11 – June 29 1:00–3:00 PM

In-Person (8 weeks)

The content will be different from the program last fall.

***Daily Moments of Mindfulness Offered beginning May 11
5–10 min. Session ONLINE via Zoom***

*Simple practices (breathing + guided imagery) to be present and grounded
Multiple weekly times are available.*

*Monday: 7:15 AM
Tuesday: 7:15 AM & 1:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:15 AM & 5:00 PM
Thursday: 7:15 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: 7:15 AM & 9:00 AM*

*Contact Deeanna Burlison at Drdee@fss.global to register for the above opportunities
or to financially support these programs.*