

## Keynotes

February 2025



What have you been listening to lately? During Christmas, it's easy to have our ears always tickled by the sounds of the holidays, the bells and angelic voices lifting our spirits. Not every season has a musical profile, and this is twice as true for mid-to-late Winter. There are really no holidays to celebrate because I don't see Valentine's Day as anything more than a reason to buy nice chocolates. That said, I did enjoy some splendid Swiss chocolate, so it's not all bad. But, you get the point. There isn't much to celebrate lately in the world outside.

But, that doesn't mean you can't celebrate and find inspiration in good music of your own, regardless of the season. You don't need a holiday, religious or secular, to let your ears be moved by glorious sounds of inspiration. So, again, what have you been listening to lately?

As I write this, I'm listening to the song, 'In My Darkest Hour,' by Megadeth. Its galloping drums and shredding guitars created an atmosphere of furious, chaotic energy. It got the gears of my mind turning and my fingers moving. It's a song about finding hope, finding solace, when everything seems, well, dark. I didn't select the song. It was on a random Metal Mix on Apple Radio. A roll of the dice, the luck of the draw. A random song. But it got me thinking!

Perhaps there's a message in here for me. Maybe it's a summons to turn to the sources of hope and inspiration that keep me moving when life gets hard, when life feels consumed by the shadows. What do you cling to when life is hard? What gives you hope in your darkest hour?

Find something to listen to that moves you, that fills you with passion. Find something that instills in you a sense of awe at the beauty of the world. Find something that inspires your sense of hopeful optimism that, as Dame Julian once said, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Come find me when you read this and let me know what's moving you. The Spirit speaks in all sorts of languages!



Interested in becoming a layreader?

Please call the church office at 252-946-8151.



**Need to feed!** It is a fact that our parishioners are asked weekly to help with the **Blessing Box**. Our congregation has been very generous and the Blessing Box committee members work hard to keep it filled....BUT, our resources are at an all-time low because of the winter weather and the dire need of our local friends. If you are grocery shopping and feel you can help, your donations would be GREATLY appreciated. God bless you all!

**Back Pack Buddies** The number of children we are supplying with weekend food has grown to 20! If you would like to help feed our little friends, please make checks payable to SPC, with BPB on the memo line. Bring by church or send to PO Box 985. Thank you.

*“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” – 1 John 3:18*



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

\*Gifts of Securities

\*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 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](http://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](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org))



Scan to donate

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](http://saintpetersnc.org).



### Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3pm

Fri 8:30am-12pm

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Mike Behar-Stewardship

Joffre Fisher-Pastoral Care

Emily Garner

Mark Henley

Inda Hill

Susan Hodges-Parish Life

Jason Jacques-Newcomers

Dave Loope-Community Connections

Ashley Padgett-Clerk

Howard Smith

Lucy Trejo-Spanish Language Liaison



# 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:** Phil Anderson-nephew of Janet Bradbury, Mary Asby-friend of Katherine Hall, Rudy Burns-member, Tim Cashion-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Kelli & Brent Creelman-friends of Mark Henley, Joffre Fisher-member, JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster-friends of Joffre Fisher, Gwen Nancy Gee & Susan Burns-friends of the Burns, Rev. & Mrs. Carlton Gunn-friends of the Burns, Peggy Hudson-member, Martha Larkin-member, Barbara & Oscar Nair-friends of the Burns, Joshua Potter-friend of the McLaughlins, Donna & Art Powers-friends of the Burns, Linda & Kim Redman-friends of the Burns, Tammy & Macy Riffle-friends of St. Peters, Joy Rodman-member, Sharon Singleton-friend of Betty Cochran, Aurora Ivy Swafford-friend of Joffre Fisher, David Steenbergen-nephew of Betty Cochran, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty Cochran, Lisa Strang-member, Gard Thompson-friend of the Burns, Donna Valestro-friend of Joffre Fisher, Jerry Waters-friend of Val Johnson, Stephanie Williams-member, Gretchen Windley-mother of William Cochran.

"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 text or call Roxanne Holloman at 252-944-4951 and know that prayer will begin in "real time." (Be sure and leave a voicemail if there is no answer.) All of these requests are confidential, and we are on call 24/7.



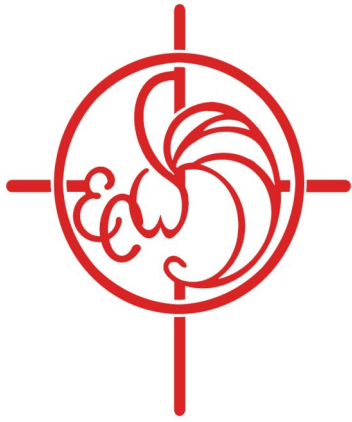
**Every Wednesday** at 7am and 11am the Holy Eucharist is celebrated.



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.



**Lent on the Horizon:** On Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday will inaugurate the Season of Lent. I encourage you, even now, to begin thinking about how to maximize Lenten disciplines so that, come Easter, you will feel new life coursing through your bones!



# ECW News

- Join us for the March general meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 10:00 in the Woolard meeting room. Lou Carter will be summarizing week 5 of our study book, Our Father, A study of the Lord's Prayer.
- Our treasury is still open for anyone who would like to make a donation to the work of ECW. Send checks St. Peter's, PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889, Attn: Jennifer. Note "ECW" in the memo line.
- Mark your calendars for the Spring luncheon on May 7 in ASH. More information to follow.

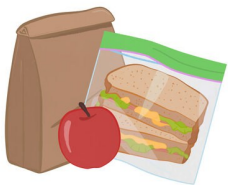
## Stamp Ministry

Thank you to all the happy stampers who support this global ministry of ECW! We mailed 2, 624 stamps at the end of January that had been collected since May. That brought our donations for the year to 6.409. Our total donations, since we began this project in October 2021, now stands at 24,021.

The Alliance Stamp Ministry raised \$27,000 in 2024. As of the end of January 2025, they have generated \$2,000. Since the stamp ministry began in 1972, they have made \$1,218,300.00.

Please consider saving your postage stamps, no matter how few, for this great ministry! The money raised goes to support preparation, publication, and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. More than 50 lesson series are being used in churches in 40 different denominations in America, Spain, and even the USA.

The stamp collection box is located on the table outside the church library. Please leave at least a 1/3" border around the stamp. Closely trimmed stamps do not sell for as much.



Volunteers are needed for our **Sack Lunch Ministry**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the church office if you are interested in providing lunches for the gentlemen at the Zion Soup Kitchen. Available dates: June 5, July 4 and August 1. Sign up or call the church office if you'd like to help.

- 3/3 Nancy Hamblin
- 3/5 Fred Scales
- 3/6 Brennan Tolliver
- 3/7 Jose Adame, M.J. Peters
- 3/8 Janet Cutler, Charles Porter
- 3/9 Maribel Edwards, Thomas Jordan Moore, III, Pastor Ramirez
- 3/10 Scott Harris, Sharon Whitehurst
- 3/11 Frank Johnston, Jr., Lilly Jones, Charlene Loope, Zack Pagnani, Mark Yates
- 3/12 Henry Capogna, Betsy Johnston, Tommy Moore
- 3/13 Janeth Madero
- 3/15 Cutler Lee, Megan Leigh Smith, Lisa Strang
- 3/16 Frank Johnston, Pam Klinger
- 3/17 Jared Edwards
- 3/18 Phil Holloman
- 3/20 Angelee Higuera
- 3/21 Chris Tkach
- 3/22 Richard Andrews, Clay Carter, Jane Griffin
- 3/23 Marcia Griffin, Monica St. Onge
- 3/25 Mary Katheryn Monath, Loren Mumford, Gary Strang
- 3/26 Sergio Ramirez
- 3/27 Yahir Resendiz
- 3/29 Robin Skillen
- 3/31 Mary Scott Sheppard



**Coffee with Chris on Tuesdays:** Chris and several parishioners gather for coffee and conversations. There is no set agenda other than providing a space for fellowship and sharing. Conversations often revolve around spirituality, but sometimes we also talk about things that have made us laugh during the week. It's been a wonderful way to gather outside of the church walls. If you're interested in enjoying good coffee and discussing Jesus, Star Trek, or anything in between, feel free to join us on Tuesdays at 1 p.m.!



1ST AND 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2PM



**Giddy-Up Coffee, 101 Bridge Street**



The Sue Duvall Chapter of the Daughters of the King met in January to install officers for the coming year. Installation was led by Father Copeland Johnston. The Daughters are doing a book study of *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* by Joan Chittister. Women interested in information about the chapter can contact Inda Hill, Roxanne Holloman, Lisa Strang or Cathy Whichard.

We hope to have some very “Noisy Buckets” at both services on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. **We encourage children to come and help** round up funds for Back Pack Buddies. Buckets will be passed around the congregation so please come prepared and bring any loose change you might have in forgotten purses, pockets, bureau drawers, etc.!! All proceeds will go towards feeding our small friends who appreciate it mightily!!





## **About Ripe for Revival...**

Ripe For Revival is a 501(c)3 non-profit out of Rocky Mount, NC that seeks to Revive Communities through Food. We know that food access is a serious problem; therefore, we have created a way to make fresh food available in areas and within communities in need that struggle with food insecurity or are considered a “food desert”. Through our model, we take the excess produce that local farmers cannot sell and bring it to areas that lack access to it so not to waste it. In other words, we bridge the gap between farm excess and food access. We primarily do that through our Mobile Market Program with a fleet of buses and trailers that provide fresh produce, meat, dairy, and eggs at roughly 20-30% less than a retail grocery store. All markets are pay-what-you-can, which allows people from all backgrounds to shop with dignity. This year, we are working to provide pay-it-forward events where people from the community can shop on the market and pay it forward for others in their community. Ripe for Revival currently has 20 regular scheduled weekly mobile market events serving in 12 counties throughout Eastern and Central NC.

To learn more about Ripe for Revival you can follow us on our Facebook and Instagram social media pages as “Ripe for Revival” or check out our website at [www.ripeforrevival.com](http://www.ripeforrevival.com).

Ripe for Revival will be onsite at St. Peter’s on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11am. Please be sure and visit them in the parking lot by All Saints’ Hall. For more information or questions, contact Trish Litchfield at 252-375-1690.





## ROOTED IN AGRICULTURE

This pillar focuses on how our programs will effectively assist farmers and food producers in our area to become more productive, independent, and financially secure while providing greater access of healthier foods to communities fighting food insecurity.

## CONNECTED FOR A WHOLE COMMUNITY

We strive to bring people together while creating an ecosystem that promotes not only access to fresh and healthier local foods, but allows for inclusion and human development opportunities that will leave a lasting impact.

## DRIVEN BY A MISSION OF CHANGE

We set our sights on how we can shine a light in all the dark areas of the food system, especially those who are traditionally underserved or may lack access to the resources needed to overcome generational poverty or barriers to growth.

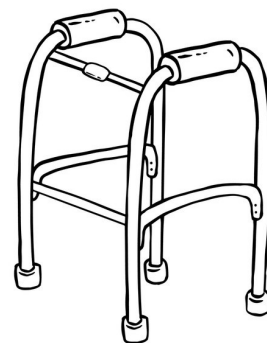
## MOBILE MARKET PROGRAM

Ripe For Revival's Mobile Market Program takes our mission on the road by utilizing large buses and trailers that have been transformed into pay-what-you-can retail markets. The Mobile Markets provide access to fresh and local food to areas that are considered "food deserts" while placing a strong focus on health and nutrition education, economic development, and empowerment of communities across North Carolina.



If you have “gently used” medical supplies you’d like to donate, the Purpose of God “Share Shop” will accept them. Items such as walkers, braces, shower chairs and wheel-chairs are appreciated.

The shop is open Monday-Thursday between the hours of 10:00am-1:00pm. It is located at 642 River Road, near Carly C’s grocery store.

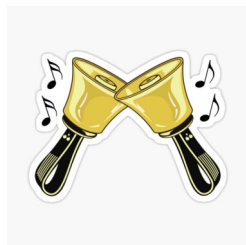


SHARE  
YOUR  
IDEAS!

**Christian Formation:** Chris is most engaged as a teacher when it's material and topics that engage YOU! If there are things you are interested in learning, let Chris know. We can explore them together and learn more about the God we serve! Email him at [chris@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:chris@saintpetersnc.org) or let him know on Sunday morning!

**The Chancel Choir** has a great need for women to join the singers of the choir! We have NO ALTOS at the present time and only THREE SOPRANOS to sing the melody lines! We need the ladies of the congregation to step up and help make music! If you have never sung in a choir before, cannot read music, and have no idea if you are a soprano or an alto, our interim director of music will work with you and teach you how to sing. You will have a wonderful time learning the music for Easter and the spring as you join the members of the choir who will “show you the ropes” and welcome you with open arms.

“I can teach a rock to sing!” says our director of music. Please come to our next rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Music Suite. There are always refreshments and fun awaiting you each week as you make a joyful noise to the Lord!



**Join us on Wednesdays!**

**Handbells—5pm**

**Chancel Choir—6:30pm**

