

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

August 2026

There are signs of life all around Saint Peter's. Have you seen the clarity of light shining through the reinstalled stained glass of Saint Peter? It's beautiful: the light coming through and hitting our mind's eye, causing us to follow his finger up as he points to our Lord and God! New ministries are emerging, ongoing ministries are flourishing, and new members are joining our midst. God be praised!

Life is emerging in other ways, as our Youth Group is growing and our Nursery. We had 4 babies and young children in the Nursery this past Sunday, which is amazing. Those little ones come here and know that they are loved by Jesus and by our incredible team of Nursery Workers.

We had 13 at Youth Group last night, with two new teenagers coming and finding instant community. I've never served with a more open group of teenagers, even at the height of my Youth Ministry days, and this warms my heart! I hope it warms yours, too!

With these new signs of life comes the need for cultivation. We cultivate the lives of these young people by showing up and creating a safe space for them to grow, learn, and play. If you are open to the Spirit's leading, we NEED you for the Nursery. A commitment of one hour a month will make your heart sing as you experience pure, unadulterated joy on the faces of these young people.

If you have a heart for teenagers, I'd love to have a conversation about joining our Youth Leaders team. One of the biggest things that can help young people explore their faith is having non-judgmental adults who can help them handle the questions that come from growing up.

These two revitalized ministries are only a few examples of how the Spirit is moving at Saint Peter's. It's an incredible time to be alive, and to be alive in Washington, at Saint Peter's, on the ground floor of the Gospel Takeover of Beaufort County! How is God calling you to respond?
—Chris





Blessing of the Book Bags & Pizza Party

Sunday, August 30th in All Saints' Hall
immediately following the 10am service



Help us spread the word!
St. Peter's Dayschool has openings in the
3 & 4 year old classes!
Call Beth Trgovic to schedule a tour.
(336) 467-8398

Donations to the Dayschool are always welcome. Checks
should be made payable to St. Peter's and designated
"Dayschool" in the memo line.

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. Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed.



Giving to Saint Peter's has never been easier!

*Automatic Credit/Debit Card Payments

*If you are 73 or older, 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)



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.



Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3pm

Fri 8:30am-12pm

Saint Peter's Clergy & Staff

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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.

We are working on an online directory with photos. It will only be available to our parishioners. If you would like to be a part of this new directory please send me a photo you would like to use of yourself or your family. You can send the photos to my email ieh53@yahoo.com with subject "Directory" or text them to me at 252-945-6345. Please be sure to include your name(s). If you would like for me to take your photo, just say so, and we will set a time for me to take it at the church on a Sunday.

Thank you all so much! Peace, Inda Hill



Financial Assistance Program: We have been so pleased to be able to help our neighbors coming in for financial assistance with their vision issues. Just a simple pair of reading glasses is such a blessing to our people. All it takes is a little squinting and we are ready with "Do you need glasses?" They are so surprised and grateful that we have the eyeglasses basket. Something so simple can make such a difference in their lives. The supply is getting low and we need to restock it with some new glasses. If you have reading glasses that you no longer need or if you would like to donate new glasses, we would really appreciate it. Glasses can be left in the basket on the side table in the library. Thank you for making it possible for us to help our neighbors!



All members, past and present, are invited to join us.

Our meetings take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month following the 10am service in the Library.

Our Reunion Group meets on the 4th Tuesday at Riverwalk Coffee

Questions? Contact: Chris Chaffer 252-945-1492

HELLO
September



9/4 Steve Nobles

9/5 Maricruz Ramirez, Ian Stroud

9/6 Betty Cochran, Milan Espinoza

9/8 Paola Adame, Tripp Andrews, Hank Van Dorp

9/9 Anna Rianhard

9/11 Chris Porter, Henry Moore

9/12 Charlie Brown, Trish Litchfield, Susan Pendergrass, Lilly Woolard

9/13 Don Stroud

9/14 Nidia Martinez

9/16 Allison Mordecai

9/17 Charlie Bowers, Jay Dixon

9/18 Mike Paul, Riley Roberson

9/20 Giovanny Gachuz, Sergio Higuera

9/21 Lisa Capehart, Jose Mateo Lora, Eugenia Serrano

9/22 Reg Smith

9/23 Rubi Adame, Carlos Arballo, Stephanie Williams

9/26 Jorge Adame, Vianey Lopez

9/27 Val Johnson, Eliza Lee, John Tate

9/30 Helen Dixon



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: Casey Allen-friend of Carol & Patrick Nash, John Brooks-cousin of Betty Gray, Peggy Daniels & family -relatives of Leslie Whitehurst, Barbara Francisco-member, Micah-Goleman Mercer-friend of Barbara Mercer, Joyce Goza- mother of Jared Edwards, Rick Gray-member, John Grimes-friend of Kay Sharpe, Heather-friend of Leslie Whitehurst, Bill Hudson-relative of John Hudson, Stephen Hudson-relative of John Hudson, Diane Igoe-friend of Janet Bradbury, Judy Ingalls-member, Alice Langley-friend of Betty & Rick Gray, Beth Litchfield-friend of Inda Hill, Neely Mallory-friend of Carol & Patrick Nash, Sandy Mitchell-member, Beau Petty-friend of Kay Sharpe, Mike Rocchio-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Mark Ruedrich-brother of Stephanie Williams, Bo Salem-friend of Carol & Patrick Nash, Lizzie Simmons-friend of Tommy Moore, Allison Smith-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Monica St. Onge-member, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty Cochran, Bobby Turner-friend of St. Peter's, Marjorie Vreeland-friend of Linda Weathersby, Logan Whitehurst-member, Jon Wynne-brother-in-law of Mayhew Cox, and all active duty military personnel.

If you are an artist, craftsperson, stitcher, woodworker, author/poet, or simply a "creator," consider joining the Art Walk in the churchyard on Sunday, November 1st. This is a fun opportunity for fellowship AND creativity for one hour on an autumn morning. **Please don't be nervous about participating!** We must have at least 12 tables. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office if you have something you'd like to sell, exhibit or share with your parish friends. Call Catherine at 252-946-8151, or communications@saintpeternc.org



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!

If you love babies and toddlers, please consider offering to be in the nursery from 10am-11am on Sunday mornings. To sign up, use the QR code:



Thank you!





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MONTHLY GATHERINGS



MBM Reunion

Sep. 3 • 5:00–6:30 pm
Reconnect with your group.

MONTHLY GATHERINGS



Community Open Mind-Body Medicine Experience

Aug. 26 • 5:30–7:00 pm



MORNING MOMENTS OF MINDFULNESS

Weekdays • 7:15 am • Zoom

10 minutes of gentle “soft belly” breathing, guided imagery,
and setting daily intentions.

Drop in whenever you're able—no ongoing commitment.



8-WEEK PROGRAM

Sept. 8 – Oct. 27
10:00–11:30 am

No charge • Donations welcome



8-WEEK PROGRAM

Sept. 10 – Oct. 29
5:30–7:00 pm

No charge • Donations welcome



Questions?

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St. Peter's Day School is bursting with excitement as we get ready to begin our **72nd year** on **September 8**. Our wonderful teachers can't wait to welcome the children back into their colorful classrooms and start a brand-new year of learning, laughter, and friendship.

Over the summer, our **playground got a happy little makeover** — fresh mulch now makes every step safer, and a **brand-new sandbox** is ready for digging, building, and big imaginations. We know it's going to be a favorite spot from day one.

We're grateful for our church family's prayers and support as we begin another joyful year together. Here's to a bright and beautiful start!



I'M HERE HOW YOU NEED ME

When most people think of clergy, they think of Sunday services, weddings, funerals, and baptisms, but clergy are available for all kinds of things to help you on your spiritual journey! Pastor Chris is available for:

- Conversations over coffee (I'm buying!)
- Counseling
- Family and friend conflict mediation
- Home blessings
- Blessing for a new pregnancy or engagement
- Hospital and nursing home visits (Deacon Janet, too!)
- Prayer for or with you
- Someone to accompany you when you have to do something difficult (i.e. doctor or vet visit, lawyer's office, court date, etc.)
- Questions about life or the Bible
- Services for deceased pets
- Prayers at the end of life
- Going to important life events (i.e. performances, recitals, major accomplishments)

Join an Angel Food Team!

Our Angel Food ministry could use a few new members. This ministry coordinates meal assistance for parishioners who need a little extra help. This is generally one meal for members of the parish who have come home from the hospital, are sick or homebound, have a baby, broken bone, etc. This does not take up much time, as we have lots of teams that rotate and share the tasks! For more info or to join one of our teams, please reach out to Emily Garner at emilygarner7888@yahoo.com.

Calling all gardeners and general weed pullers! Help is needed with the Chapel Garden. If interested, please contact Mary Kathryn McGahey at 252-531-8000.



CALLING ALL PAM PACK FOODIES!

Greetings! This year we again have been asked to feed the Pam Pack football team before a home game. On September 11, we will feed the team, coaches and cheerleaders. There are approximately 45 souls to be fed, and the time frame is usually 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm for setting up, making food, serving and cleanup.

I'm looking for anyone interested in volunteering to help with this dinner.

Please contact Cathy Capogna by text or phone at 616-302-3720. Thanks! It's a really fun event!



We're bringing sport fencing to Washington! Our new club, open to the public and for all ages, is just starting. Join us, the Pamlico River Fencing Club, on Tuesday nights from 6:15-7:45 in the All Saints Hall. For more information, contact the club at pamlicoriverfencingclub@protonmail.com



Let's have some fun! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 2 at 6pm. We will enjoy a pot luck dinner and then team up for a game of Trivia. Bring a dish and a friend or two! Young and old can all participate this night. A good time will be had by all!



Next week will be ONE YEAR of offering showers on Thursday afternoons to anyone in the community who may be in need. 204 showers have been had to date, an average of 4.8 each day. I can't thank enough the 5 teams of awesome volunteers who provide our guests a warm welcome, distribute food

and laundry cards, clean the showers and launder towels. Our volunteers are the best, they are dependable and cheerfully serve. We have also had the opportunity to meet some special needs by providing shoes, back packs, phone chargers, socks, hats and other items as needed. The shower recipients are SO appreciative, and we have developed some lasting relationships. There are some costs involved. If you would like to contribute, leave a check at the church office made payable to St. Peter's marked *Showers of Love* in the memo line. St. Peter's rocks!



A big THANK YOU to the 16 St. Peter's volunteers for the *Beaufort County Schools Summer Feeding Program!!!* Our team has covered the Haven's Gardens site every day for 9 weeks, often in extreme heat. We distributed 2,112 meals to the kids of our county! The school system couldn't have done this without our help and clearly both the parents and the children are grateful for this needed service. This program has helped us fulfill our church mission, truly serving as the hands and feet of Jesus!!

To all the ladies at St. Peters,

Welcome to fall and a new season of ECW. Hope you all had a quiet and relaxed summer and are ready to gear up for exciting activities with ECW. We will have our first meeting on Wednesday September 2 at 10am in the music suite. Please join us for social time and a special program. So that we can reconnect with each other, I invite you to take 5 minutes to stand up and share with the group a special adventure, experience, new skill, travel, recipe ...sort of a "show and tell" that you had this summer.

In addition, we will be collecting bath towels for the Shower Ministry. They may be new or gently used. We had a good supply initially, but as we offer the towel to our guests when they leave, our supply has dwindled. If you cannot make it to the meeting, there will be a box outside of the church office where you may place them.

If you have any stamps that you have collected during the summer, bring them to church and place them in the box on the table just outside the Library. Verna will be happy to have them.

Look forward to seeing you all.

-Mary

