

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

## Keynotes

May 2025



Friends, after much discussion, we've decided that The Blessing Box will go on a 6-month hiatus. There are several reasons for this pause, but the primary reason is to adjust how we distribute food to better suit the needs of the community. After the hiatus and relocation closer to the Office, we will resume distributions through the Blessing Box.

Though this ministry is pausing, the hungry in our community are still crying out for food, and you can still provide it! Eagles Wings, a trusted partner of St. Peter's, is a shining light in our community and would greatly appreciate your volunteer hours and financial support. You can also volunteer at the Zion Shelter Soup Kitchen. Even more radically, you can invite the hungry into your home for a hot meal and a dose of dignity. The sky is the limit when it comes to what we can do for those in need in our midst.

The Early Church, in the Book of Acts, modeled what a faithful Christian community looks like: "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need." (Acts 4:32-35)

What a compelling and challenging vision! A Church that wouldn't stand for people going hungry in its midst. A Church that would NOT tolerate an unfair distribution of wealth. This is a clarion call to us, the people of St. Peter's, to never stop looking for ways to assist the hungry, the hurting, and the poor of this world. While the Blessing Box is on hold, don't tire of doing good; keep your eyes and ears open to hear the cries of the needy. In your heart is the power of the Risen Christ. Use it to change the world!

-Chris



Thank you so much for all the donations for the children's lending library upstairs! I have painted the bookshelves, and with monetary donations I have been able to buy some more books. I have also bought a book stamp so people can remember where the book came from and return it, and some color coded stickers to indicate the age group of the book. I am hoping to have it open soon! -Maribel Edwards



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

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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## **Giving to Saint Peter's has never been easier!**

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\*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))



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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

## **Saint Peter's Clergy & Staff**

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Jennifer Spivey	Parish Administrator
Jane Taylor	Church Musician



## **Vestry**

Judy Van Dorp-Senior Warden

Jason Jacques-Junior Warden & Newcomers

Mike Behar-Stewardship

Joffre Fisher-Pastoral Care

Emily Garner-Communications

Mark Henley

Inda Hill-Worship

Susan Hodges-Clerk & Parish Life

Dave Loope-Community Connections

Ashley Padgett

Howard Smith-Community Building

Lucy Trejo-Spanish Language Liaison





**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!

**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.



*Our condolences are extended to the family of*

*Dr. Cornelius Theodore Partrick*

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



**Lost & Found:** Several items have been found around our beautiful church that might interest you. If you have lost any of these items, take a peek at the workroom table. A Toyota RAV 4 key FOB (Winston-Salem dealership), two umbrellas (one blue, one black), a black prayer book, a gold hoop earring, eye glasses in a hard pink case, a child's (or lady's) winter toboggan with a pink pompom.



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. Sign up or call the church office if you'd like to help. 252-946-8151

CREATING MOMENTS OF KINDNESS  
DURING A TIME A TIME OF NEED,  
DOES WONDERS FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH.



**St. Peter's Annual Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, May 20 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM in  
All Saints' Hall

To schedule your appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: St Peters or  
call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). **If you need assistance making an  
appointment, please call or text Beth Burroughs (703-629-4706)**



**Beaufort County Schools Summer Feeding Program**

will start on June 16 and run through August 14. St. Peters will be hosting the Havens Gardens site again this year. We need 2 volunteers each day (Monday thru Thursday) to be at Havens Gardens from 11:00 – 12:30 to hand out packaged meals

provided by the school system. It's really fun to interact with the community in this simple way, the recipients are so grateful! There is a training session on Monday, June 9 from 9-10:30. SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE JENNIFER'S OFFICE. The feeding program will not operate the week of July 4. Substitutes will be available if there is a day you can not attend. Thank you for your help with this joyful ministry. Call Judy Van Dorp for questions at 252 367-5419.

6/1 Bryant Gachuz, Shelby Harris  
6/2 Jazmin Tellez  
6/3 Luna Espinoza, Alex Lora  
6/5 Gissel Higuera, Bodie Johnston, 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 Katie Creech, Barbara Smith  
6/12 Bettye Christian  
6/13 Diane Furlough  
6/14 Susan Callahan, Bill Hinkes, Macon Lee, Allan Tellez  
6/15 Peter Robinson  
6/16 Aurelia Gachuz  
6/17 Kitty Carter  
6/19 Joy Rodman  
6/22 Betty Gray, Yannilenne Tellez  
6/24 Lind Graves, Dick Leach  
6/25 Celia Chavez, E.J. Paszt  
6/26 Sallie Scales  
6/27 Ladislao Gachuz, Bob Thomas  
6/28 Brandon Adame, Becky Leach, Mac Skillen  
6/29 David Francisco  
6/30 Ed Hodges





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

**Questions?**

**Contact: Jason Jacques 678-596-  
5141**

**Brennan Tolliver 404-602-2417**

**Chris Tkach 252-945-1492**

**1st Friday-4pm at Riverwalk Coffee Shop, 3rd Friday at 4pm in ASH (dinner follows)**

Throughout this school year, St. Peter's has been providing weekend food for twenty-four Eastern Elementary Kindergartners. In fact, St. Peter's has been involved in the Back Pack Buddies ministry since 2011. This school year is coming to a close but in the Fall, we'll begin again serving a new group of students. Besides our generous congregation, "Noisy Buckets" have also helped fill the food shelves. On behalf of our small friends, their families, and their teachers, THANK YOU for your love.



A special thanks to the members of the SPC Back Pack Buddies committee! These 15 souls work diligently and faithfully purchasing, packing, stocking, and delivering nutritious weekend food for our little "buddies" at Eastern Elementary. All members of this group serve *consistently* with cheerful willingness and loving hearts. You know who you are....God bless you all!

Interested in becoming a layreader?

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





## 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:** Andy Bradbury-son of Janet Bradbury, Maureen Brancely & family-friends of the Burns, Mason Burns-friend of the Burns, Tim Cashion-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Judy Cheshire-member, Kelli & Brent Creelman-friends of Mark Henley, Peggy Daniels & family-daughter of Leslie Whitehurst, Joffre Fisher-member, JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster-friends of Joffre Fisher, David Jones-father of Ashley Padgett, Irving Litchfield-relative of the Litchfield family, Isabella Lodge-friend of the Burns, Suzanne Nelson Moody-friend of Sallie & Fred Scales, Verna Motteler-member, Peter Robinson-member, Joy Rodman-member, Susan Seaton-friend of Trish Litchfield, Scott Seiden-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Sharon Singleton-friend of Betty Cochran, Mary Skinner-member, Ferrell Sloan-friend of the Partricks, Allison Smith-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Aurora Ivy Swafford-friend of Joffre Fisher, David Steenbergen-nephew of Betty Cochran, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty Cochran, Donna Valestro-friend of Joffre Fisher, Alex Vardy-friend of the Burns.

**Story Time with Jesus of Nazareth:** We are studying various parables and teachings from the Gospel presentations of Jesus. Each Sunday morning at 9am, we will look at one relatively short scripture passage with a parable or teaching from Jesus. We will break it open and see what wisdom it has for our life. If there are any particular teachings or parables you would like to discuss, please email Chris at [chris@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:chris@saintpetersnc.org)





# **DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA ECW ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

**401 E. 4th Street, Greenville NC**

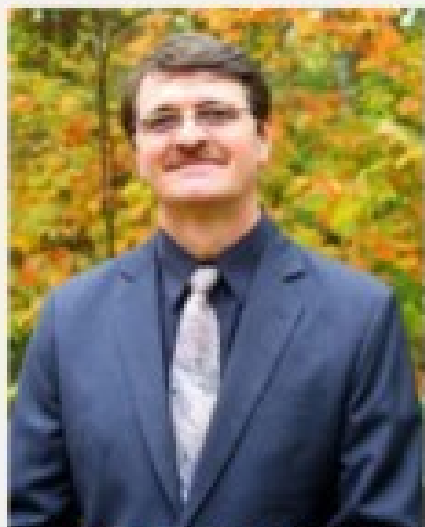
**10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Registration & Coffee at 9:30 am**

ECW Annual Meeting - May 17, 2025



**\$30 per person includes lunch and  
program**



**FEATURED SPEAKER:**

**Dr. Derek F. Maher, PhD**

**Associate Professor, Religious Studies**

**Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies**

**East Carolina University**



*The Secret Gardens:*

Recovering spiritual narratives to heal a  
wounded planet

**Pay with QR code above or mail check to P.O. Box 771, Morehead City NC  
28557. Questions, email to [ecwdioceseeastcarolina@gmail.com](mailto:ecwdioceseeastcarolina@gmail.com)**



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 thanks-giving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Saint Peter's has designated **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

The ladies of St. Peter's enjoyed great food and social time on Wednesday May 7th at our annual Spring Luncheon. We welcomed two guests. Although the group was small, a good time was had by all. With incredible shared salads and desserts and joyful conversation, we celebrated a happy spring and the many good works the ECW has accomplished. We will take a break this summer but look forward to a full fall. Hope more of you can join us in the future.

