

Keynotes

September 2025



As the years have gone by, my relationship with Jesus has changed. When I was a child, he was simply a sacrifice for my sins so I could get to heaven and live forever. At age 6, I imagined heaven as a place where my favorite superheroes really existed and where I had an endless supply of toys. Jesus was the one who would get me there. But as for Jesus himself? I suppose I could have taken him or left him.

As I grew and spent time in the Gospel, I began to see him differently. He wasn't just a divine sacrifice on a cross. He was someone who hugged the diseased and reminded them of their sacred worth. He spent so much time with the drunkards and sex workers that people thought he was actually one of them. He spent time with the ones the world had set aside and forgotten. He was down in the gutter of the world, and there he seemed to find his happiness.

It's that image of Jesus that haunts me, that keeps me up at night, that draws me out of my own self-interest. Jesus, the one who cut through all suspension and discrimination to love those who had forgotten what love felt like. He defended the honor of women and children, to categories of people who actually had no legal standing in first-century Palestine.

I love this man. I absolutely love him. Can't you see the huge smile on his face as he held a leper and told him how beautiful he was? Can't you imagine the laughter erupting from his belly as he turned the world upside down and let a powerful world know that kindness is actually the best way to be human.

What do you love about Jesus? Ponder him now. Place him before your mind's eye and, as you gaze into him, let him gaze into you. Let him affirm your worth, your goodness. Let him infuse you with kindness, so you can infuse the world around you with that same kindness. Wage peace in a world of war.

-Chris



Art Walk 2025! Let's gather beneath the trees in our idyllic churchyard on Sunday, October 26 for fellowship and art appreciation following the 10am service. Any genre! Pottery, painting, 3D, crafts, woodwork, jewelry, photography... the sky is the limit! Children/Teens encouraged to participate. If you are interested in exhibiting or selling your wares, please see the *sign-up sheet in Gardner Hall*. You don't have to be a bona fide artist! This is meant to be an enjoyable hour-long opportunity to celebrate our friends and their talents.



Christian Formation: Chris is most engaged as a teacher when the material and topics 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 or let him know on Sunday morning!

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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*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)



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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.



Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3pm

Fri 8:30am-12pm

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Ashley Padgett

Howard Smith-Community Building

Lucy Trejo-Spanish Language Liaison

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!



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.

Questions?

Contact: Jason Jacques 678-596-5141

Brennan Tolliver 404-602-2417

Chris Chaffer 252-945-1492

1st Friday @ 4pm Riverwalk Coffee Shop

3rd Friday @ 4pm in ASH (Dinner follows)



10/3 Jane Taylor, Eduardo Martinez, Lourdes Williamson, Maria Wilson

10/4 Chris Padgett

10/5 Fred Howdy, Henry Woolard

10/6 Sarah Ninan

10/7 Julie Howdy, Karen Mann, Emma Stallings, Jhovani Tellez

10/8 Catherine Pfeiffer

10/10 Paulino Serrano

10/11 Mary Tucker Talley

10/13 Mac Currin

10/14 Catie Ward

10/15 Sandy Mitchell

10/16 Alejandra Madero

10/17 Ric Carter, William Cochran, Rachael Miller

10/19 Rudy Burns

10/20 Roy Whichard

10/21 Jason Jacques

10/25 Loraine Babcock, Kay Sharpe

10/26 Isabel Roberson

10/27 Philip Ninan

10/29 Erika Gachuz

10/30 Bill Darden, Luis Hernandez, Sarah Paszt

10/31 Alfonso Gachuz, Johnny Rodman



CALLING ALL COOKS FOR THE ECW SOUP SALE

The ECW is sponsoring a soup sale in October. We invite any cooks in the parish to make their favorite soup recipe and donate it to our sale. There will be quart containers and lids and instructions in the kitchen. You can prepare and freeze them at your convenience; as long as you get them to the kitchen freezer by October 17.

The proceeds of our sale will be donated to our Back Pack Buddies program and the Church Periodical Club. The CPC was started in 1888 in New York when a small group of women sent bundles of prayer books, Bibles, and church periodicals via Wells Fargo Stagecoach Line to missionaries in the Western United States. CPC is a ministry of the Episcopal Church and currently sends religious materials to hospitals, schools, prisons, and alcohol/drug abuse centers. It also offers grants to our seminarians to purchase books and school supplies.

Every member of our Parish is encouraged to cook as well as shop for soup to fill your freezer for the upcoming holidays. Sale is Sunday, October 19 after worship services.



The Ripe for Revival food truck will be at Saint Peter's on Sunday, November 2nd after 9am Sunday School and staying until after the 10am service. This will be a Pay it Forward event.

To learn more about Ripe for Revival you can follow their Facebook and Instagram social media pages as "Ripe for Revival" or check out their website at www.ripeforrevival.com.

Please be sure and visit them in the parking lot by All Saints' Hall on November 2nd. For more information or questions, contact Trish Litchfield at 252-375-1690.



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: Emily Albera-friend of Betty Cochran, **Charlie Brown**-member, **Tim Cashion**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Peggy Daniels & family**-daughter of Leslie Whitehurst, **Joffre Fisher**-member, **JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster**-friends of Joffre Fisher, **Victoria Gachuz**-member, **Jane Griffin**-member, Christy **Gutierrez**-friend of Clay Carter, **Diane Igoe**-friend of Janet Bradbury, **Bill Jefferson & family**-friend of St. Peter's, **Pamela Lane & family**-relatives of Lynda Lane, **O'Neal family**-friends of St. Peter's, **Melanie Peters**-niece of Ann Peters, **Peter Robinson**-member, **Scott Seiden**-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, **Allison Smith**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **David Steenbergen**-nephew of Betty Cochran, **Jennifer Steenbergen**-niece of Betty Cochran, **Marjorie Vreeland**-friend of Linda Weathersby, **Taylor Whichard**-member, **Audrey Kelder Wilson**-friend of Laura Bliley.



The Beaufort County Schools Summer Feeding Program came to a close last week. St. Peter's volunteers hosted the Haven's Garden's site which was the largest site in the county. We served an average of **50 kids per day** for 8 weeks! This included a hot meal and a cold breakfast, it was busy. To me, the best part of the program was getting to know the families who came regularly, the kids were precious and the parents grateful. I want to thank our proficient, committed, kind volunteers for doing such an amazing job: **Laura Bliley, Jane**

Taylor, Chris and Charles Porter, Pattie Graves, Noah Hardee, Castor Hardee, Betty Gray, Inda Hill, Lee Ann Stiles, and Henry & Cathy Capogna. Let us pray that the funding holds out for next year, as this is an impactful program! Judy Van Dorp

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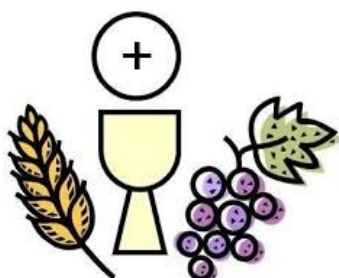


Sunday, October 12th

4pm

Saint Peter's Churchyard

Chris will be celebrating the Eucharist at Cypress Glen on Thursday, September 18 at 11:00 a.m. If you have family or friends there, please invite them to attend.



River Eucharist 2025

*Please join us at the East end
of the Washington Park Community Park Riverside
Sunday, October 5th
Holy Eucharist at 10am followed by a picnic.*



Bring your chairs and/or blankets and a covered dish to share! In case of rain, we will worship at church and have the picnic in All Saints' Hall.

Note: 8am Service will take place as usual at church. There will be no Christian Education classes on this date.



As many of you know, Riley Roberson has been a steadfast caretaker of **Saint Peter's Churchyard** for years. You can find him quietly working early in the morning or late in the evening to keep this sacred ground in tip-top shape for parishioners and visitors alike. Although we hire someone to cut the grass, Riley does the rest, his labor of love. Riley needs to take a break from working in the soil, doctor's orders, and this is where you come in. We are looking for a team of volunteers who, under Riley's direction, will weed, prune, mulch and otherwise care for this amazing asset of ours. You can put as much or as little time into it as you'd like, anything will help. Let me know if you are interested and I'll arrange a meeting with Riley to get you started – vandorp@suddenlink.net.

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

ATTENTION ALL PAM PACK LOVERS!

Once again this Fall we have the honor of feeding the Washington Pam Pack football team before a home game. We will be filling their bellies on Friday, September 26. They will probably arrive around 4:00 pm. We need help shopping, preparing, and serving the team. If you're interested in helping, please text or call Cathy Capogna at 616-302-3720. This is a really fun event, and I hope to hear from you! Thanks!





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!

ECW News

Please join us for our next ECW meeting on Wednesday, October 1st at 10am in the music suite. Meet for refreshments, social time and an exciting program. We welcome Myra Houser a published author, biblical counselor, and health coach. She guides women to discover how achievable daily choices can powerfully transform their faith journey and daily life. Her message centers on the "power of one" - knowing that "one small change can change everything". Myra will share with us ways to find JOY. Invite a friend to join us!

If you enjoyed the presentation by Tuyet Beatty-Moore at the September ECW meeting and you want to connect with Tuyet Beatty-Moore or purchase her book, here is the information you need.

www.naturalbalancetherapeuticbodyworkandwellness.com

Email naturalbalance4u@gmail.com

Her book Journey to Sunrise is available from her or on Amazon.

