

Keynotes

June 2026



That's right! Jesus in shades lets us know that Summer is here, and it's time to get out and play! What a blessing it is to live by the water, to feel the rhythm of the river, and to hear the sounds of splashes on the banks. It's so unbelievably beautiful around here, and part of discipleship is appreciating the beauty of creation and learning to rest and relax as we take Sabbath moments from our day-to-day life.

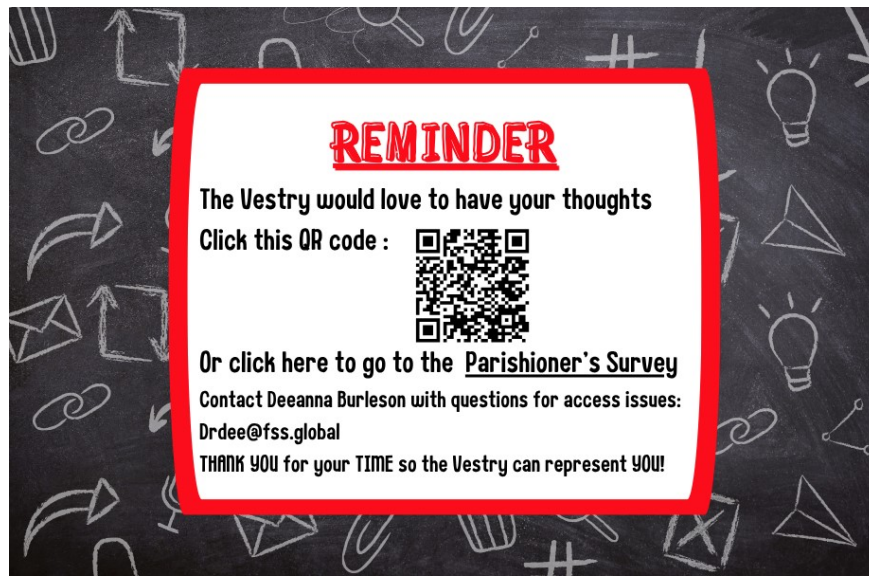
With the change of seasons and rhythms, our discipleship can look different, too! Discipleship can be a loaded word, so here's what I mean: to be a disciple is to be someone who wakes up and says, "I want to act like Jesus so people feel loved." It's as simple as that. In fact, that could be your first prayer in the morning: "Lord Jesus Christ, help me to be like you today."

Speaking of prayer, that's what I want to talk about too. Summer Discipleship will naturally look a bit different than the rest of the year, and that's a good thing. It allows us to try out new things in our quest to be like Jesus. Here are three disciplines you can try out this Summer. And if you forget them, they're hanging on the bulletin board across from the Workroom.

Praise in the Morning: As soon as your eyes open, take a few moments to thank God that you are alive! It is a blessing to be alive! We are some of the lucky few in the history of the universe who get to bask in the warmth of the sun while we dip our feet into the cold water of the river or the ocean. While life might be marked by pain, there's pleasure too! For the summer vibes that allow us to enjoy Washington on the Pamlico to the fullest, we give praise. Take time each morning to praise and worship God for the beauty of your life, because you are beautiful, my friend!

Service During the Day: Every day, we are blessed with the gift of meeting new people! Whether it's a cashier at the grocery store or a new physician we meet, we always have opportunities to meet people. Lots of new faces will be coming to Washington this summer, hoping to experience the beauty of our town. This means we have new opportunities aplenty to show them unconditional love, a love that doesn't seek anything in return. Be on the lookout for opportunities to serve your neighbor and to love them unabashedly in Jesus' name!

Study in the Evening: After a long day of work and play, it's nice to relax somewhere comfortable. But if we're being honest, relaxing sometimes means sitting in front of the TV and binging our favorite show for a couple of hours. There's nothing wrong with a good TV binge! But what might happen if we decided to spend 30 minutes each night learning more about our faith? What if we decided to take 30 minutes to read Scripture and meditate on the goodness of Jesus Christ? I bet you wouldn't miss those 30 minutes of binging. I bet you'll find that getting closer to Jesus is worth one less episode a night!



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!



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

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, 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

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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.

Starting in July, our meetings will be on the 2nd Sunday of each month following the 10am service in the Library. There will not be a June meeting.

Questions?

Contact: Chris Chaffer 252-945-1492



7/1 Wesley Edwards

7/3 Tom Payne

7/6 Maria Gachuz

7/7 Cecilio Cota, Louis Taylor

7/8 Isabel Gomez, Rebecca Paul, Elena Tellez

7/9 Ray Dennis, Pam Hodges

7/10 Lucinda Dominguez, Madeline Roberson, Logan Whitehurst

7/11 Katherine Edwards, Armine Smith

7/12 Janet Bradbury, Davis Jones

7/15 Alex Loope

7/16 Chris Adams

7/18 Becky Furr

7/19 Pat Capehart Brown, David Howdy

7/21 Rob Monath, Whit Stroud

7/22 Barbara Mercer

7/23 Carol Robinson

7/25 Sergio Higuera, Jerry Vick

7/28 Delfina Gachuz

7/30 Sharon Johnston



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, **Kristen Bathurst**-niece of Janet Bradbury, **John Brooks**-cousin of Betty Gray, **Megan Carpenter**-granddaughter of Leslie Whitehurst, **Peggy Daniels**- daughter of Leslie Whitehurst, **John Grimes**-friend of Kay Sharpe, **David Hochberg**-friend of St. Peter's, **Diane Igoe**-friend of Janet Bradbury, **Neely Mallory**-friend of Carol & Patrick Nash, **Beau Petty**-friend of Kay Sharpe, **Mike Rocchio**-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, **Marsha & Ed Schneider**-friends of Michelle & Brian Fuller, **Allison Smith**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Monica St. Onge**-member, **Jennifer Steenbergen**-niece of Betty Cochran, **Marjorie Vreeland**-friend of Linda Weathersby, **Leslie Whitehurst**-member, **Logan Whitehurst**-member, **Stephanie Williams**-member, and all active duty military personnel.

For many years, St. Peter's has participated in the DSS meal delivery program to shut-ins. Meals are picked up at the Seventh Street Rec Center along with our Route 2 delivery list of names and addresses each Friday morning at 10am. The same people are recipients each week. If you have any interest in filling the Week 4 spot, please talk with me. Sallie Scales scales.sallie@gmail.com, 252-944-4842



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:

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

Thank you!



Each week, two talented and compassionate parishioners provide exquisite floral altar arrangements in honor of family members and friends, past and present, at St. Peter's.

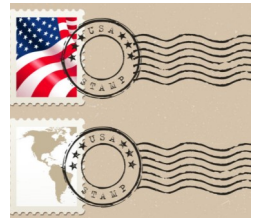


Over this past weekend for our Bishop's visit, these ladies created incredible floral displays throughout the parish; for the church, Gardner Hall, the library and for each table in ASH for the luncheon. Countless hours were spent gathering flowers all around town, then meticulously creating stunning floral masterpieces to enhance and beautify our midst... but especially to honor and praise God.

If you see Carol Nash or Janet Bradbury, please let them know how much their kindness is appreciated.

Stamp Ministry: Good News! ECW mailed 2,349 stamps in May to The Alliance Stamp Ministry. With our February mailing, we have sent 4,391 stamps this year. Thank you for all your donations, large and small. Every stamp counts!

As of the end of April, Alliance Stamp Ministry has raised \$10,000 this year! All the proceeds go to a publishing house in Buenos Aires, Argentina that is dedicated to writing and publishing Sunday School materials in Spanish. These materials are being used in more than ten Latin American countries. They are used by over forty Protestant denominations. It is so easy for you to join in this ministry. Cut the stamp off your envelope leaving a ¼" - ½" border around the stamp. Drop your stamps in the stamp box on the table outside the library door. Many thanks!



Thank you to our parishioners who brought in envelopes, blue boxes and bags of change for the UTO Ingathering on May 10th. The grand total collected is \$989 thanks to your generosity. These gifts will be used to help people throughout the United States and foreign countries too.

HELP IS NEEDED with sack lunches !! July 3 especially. A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board. Thank you!





2026 *Juneteenth Freedom Festival*

Honoring the Past, Serving the Present and Inspiring the Future.

*Friday, June 19th
3PM-7PM*

*Beebe Memorial Park
1101 N. Bridge St*



ENTERTAINMENT:



The Groove Crew Band

Craft Vendors
Food Vendors
Amusement Rides
Live Entertainment



*Follow along for event updates:
Facebook-
City of Washington, NC
Event Page*

Bring your own lawn chairs

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE GRADUATES!!

Robert “Gram” Barnes, graduate of Washington Montessori High School, will attend BCCC and ECU to pursue an engineering degree.
Son of Brantley & Emily Garner



Taylor Anne Eatman, graduate of J.H. Rose High School and will attend UNC-Chapel Hill.
Daughter of Brandon & Erin Eatman
Granddaughter of David & Barbara Francisco

Jaqueline Perez Espinoza graduated from UNC Charlotte with Bachelor degrees kinesiology and biology.

Christopher Adame Gachuz graduated from Beaufort County Early College with an Associate in Science, Associate in Arts, and his High School Diploma from Washington High School. He is the son of Victoria Gachuz and Juan Adame.

Marvin Alexander Gachuz graduated from Broughton Magnet High School in Raleigh. He is the grandson of Maria and Ladislao Gachuz.

Rubi Adame Gomez from Craven Community College with an Associate Degree in General Education and Associate Degree in science. She is the daughter of Isabel Gomez and Jorge Adame.

Morgan Holder, graduate of UNC-Charlotte, Bachelor of Science
Granddaughter of Betty Cochran

Erin McLaughlin, graduate of University of the South-Sewanee, Bachelor of Arts in Politics
Granddaughter of Bill & Lois McLaughlin

Ethan McLaughlin, graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, Bachelor of Science in Biology
Grandson of Bill & Lois McLaughlin

Owen McLaughlin, graduate of South Brunswick High School, plans to attend UNC
Grandson of Bill & Lois McLaughlin

Braxton Mira-Knippel, graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, Bachelor of Science
Grandson of Betty Cochran

Savannah Mira-Knippel, graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, Bachelor of Science
Granddaughter of Betty Cochran

Emmanuel Garcia Perez graduated from Chase High School in Forest City, N.C. They are the niece and nephew of Gladiola Perez- Espinoza.

James McPherson "Mac" Skillen, Jr. Doctor of Pharmacy, Magna Cum Laude, Campbell University, First Year Residency ECU Health Greenville
Son of Jim & Robin Skillen

Iveth Tellez graduated from Washington high school. She is the cousin of Gustavo Tellez and Arely Monter.

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Every Monday & Thursday

June 29 - August 20

11am-12pm

TO REGISTER & FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Publichealth@agapechc.org

Jerika Bope

(252) 833-1136



Location: Saint Peter's

*101 N Bonner St,
Washington, NC 27889*

FREE & All are welcome to join!



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