

Keynotes

January 2025



In a recent article in the Washington Daily News, I shared how I'm keeping the tradition of Old English Christmas at my house this year. Drive by my house on Market Street, and you'll notice that the lights are still lit. If you slow down, you can peek into my front room and see that our tree is still standing, illuminated by the 200 glorious LED bulbs that adorn it in between ornamental memories and pieces of plastic joy. It goes until February 2nd, the Feast of Candlemas, the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Take your pick of names. All of them name the same celebration, memorializing the moment the baby Jesus was taken to the temple for the first time after Mary was finally allowed to enter, no longer being seen as unclean due to giving birth. In medieval England, the celebrations of Christmas were kept until Candlemas as a way of highlighting the absolute wildness of our story. Jesus was God in the flesh who has redeemed us by suffering alongside of us. Of course, we ought to celebrate it with exuberance and gusto! You don't have to keep Old English Christmas to honor and celebrate this feast, but I challenge you to think about how you will carry this Christmas and Epiphany joy with you throughout the year so that people see and witness the power of the Gospel. I challenge you to live a life infused with the energy of Christmas, an energy of self-giving love. Let's keep celebrating this illuminating beauty in a world of shadow.

-Chris



Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your gifts to the Christmas purse. Each year we are reminded of the incredibly generous spirit of Saint Peter's. It is an honor to be able to serve alongside you. New Years blessings to you!

The Staff of Saint Peter's



Interested in becoming a layreader?

Lay Readers

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



The **Blessing Box** needs food! Supplies for this ministry are extremely low, along with our temperatures and the resources of our needy brothers and sisters. If you are willing to do some grocery shopping for this ministry, you may place supplies in the available bin located outside the church office, or in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you!!!

The Christmas Honor Card Program raised over \$4,600!

Here are our totals: Financial Assistance - \$1861, Backpack Buddies - \$1231, Shepard Cancer Center - \$331, Eagles Wings - \$486, Zion Shelter - \$396 and Open Door Community Center - \$345

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

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 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.



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Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3pm

Fri 8:30am-12pm

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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, Tim Cashion-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, 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, Martha Larkin-member, Barbara & Oscar Nair-friends of the Burns, Donna & Art Powers-friends of the Burns, Linda & Kim Redman-friends of the Burns, Tammy & Macy Riffle-friends of St. Peters, Barbara Smith-member, Aurora Ivy Swafford-friend of Joffre Fisher, David Steenbergen-nephew of Betty Cochran, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty Cochran, Gard Thompson-friend of the Burns, 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.

Our condolences are extended to

The family of Florette Moore

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

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.!



Sundays through February 16th, 9am in All Saints Hall

'Thus Spoke the Prophets'

For many Episcopalians, the Hebrew Scriptures, also known as the Old Testament, are an unfamiliar part of the Bible. However, there is rich wisdom and power in these texts. Join us for a 6-week class where we will explore the Prophetic Tradition, which includes books like Isaiah and Jeremiah, and focus on how to incorporate their ancient wisdom in our lives in the 21st century.

Join Our Team as a Children's Sunday School Teacher!

Do you have a heart for kids and a passion for teaching? We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our Children's Sunday School team! This year we will be separating out elementary school and middle school children for the lesson and joining together for the craft. Average class is between 3-8 children.



Why Teach Children's Sunday School?

Make a Difference: Help shape the spiritual growth of our youngest members.

Inspire Young Minds: Share God's love and teachings in a fun, engaging environment.

No Teaching Experience Required! We provide all the materials and support you need.

Limited time commitment – 30 minutes, Sunday's starting at 11:15 am. As much or as little you want to commit.

If Interested please contact Michelle Clancy Fuller, michelle.clancy@cayennecom.com or 503-702-4732 for more details or to sign up. You can also visit our church office during the week. Join us in making a lasting impact on the next generation!



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.



2/1 Ulises Correa, Forest Sidbury

2/2 Jeniffer Roman

2/4 Suzie Harrington

2/5 Stephanie Harris, Fred Holscher

2/7 Rosalyn Edwards, Mary Parker Liles, Maria Ramirez

2/12 John Thompson

2/13 Andrea Madero

2/14 Pat Griffin

2/15 Grace Paszt, Franny Snyder

2/16 Cathy Capogna, Jaime Chavez, Jr., Julian Flores, Elizabeth Matthews, Ann Peters

2/17 Sara Bentzel, Mauro Tellez

2/18 Gil Alfonso, Mandy Monath

2/19 Crystal Hardt

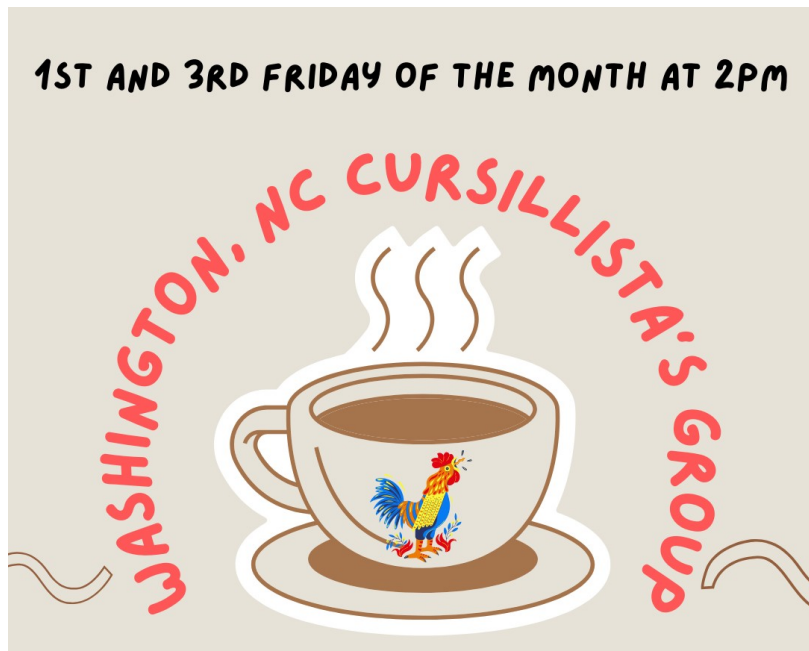
2/20 Dave Loope, Meredith Rawls

2/22 Tamara Clark, Edward Harding, Cathy Waters

2/24 Verna Motteler, Ingrid Serrano

2/25 Barbara Grimes

2/29 Aynn Stowell-Hadley



Giddy-Up Coffee, 101 Bridge Street

One definition for hunger is “the distress associated with lack of food.” Thinking about a child in any type of distress is terrible, but reflecting on hunger-induced distress is unimaginable for most of us. Over the Advent and Christmas seasons, you generously participated in the Honor Card program and the “noisy buckets” Sundays to help “Back Pack Buddies.” Approximately \$1,500 was given for our underprivileged friends at Eastern Elementary School. Every penny contributed will purchase nutritious, kid-friendly food for our buddies’ weekend nourishment.

On behalf of the children, their families, and their teachers, THANK YOU for your love.

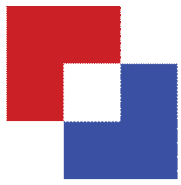
1 Timothy 6:18 “They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.”



“Noisy Buckets” - Please bring your loose change to make our SPC children’s buckets NOISY on January 26th! The money collected will go to the Back Pack Buddies ministry. Every penny will be used to purchase healthy food for our Eastern Elementary Kindergarten buddies. Buckets will be available at both services.



Thank you for helping!!



Braver Angels

St. Peter's Episcopal Church invites you to a Braver Angels Workshop, ***Families and Politics: How to talk to loved ones on the other side.*** The event will be held on Saturday, January 25th (details below). There is no charge for attendance.

Family relationships are becoming casualties of our toxic political environment. Family members are having nasty political arguments, avoiding each other, or even cutting off lifetime relationships. If you want to preserve important family bonds while still being true to your values and political beliefs, this workshop will offer you:

- Insight into why family differences over politics are uniquely challenging
- Recognition of common roles that family members play in political conversations (for example, the Gladiator, the Defender, and the Sniper).
- Strategies and skills for handling family political differences in a constructive way

Although the focus is on family relationships, you can use learnings in this workshop with any loved one.

You'll laugh and have some fun in this workshop—it won't be all serious. After all, we all come from quirky families.

Location: St. Peter's Episcopal, 101 N. Bonner St., Washington, NC.

Time: Nine to noon.

Reservations: e-mail: Betsy Boxer @ sadiesmom1993@gmail.com

Last day for reservations: Friday, January 17th 5pm. Limited to 40 people, so please reserve early.

The workshop will be facilitated by Steve Skiffington,
Co-Chair of Mid-Atlantic Braver Angels of North Carolina.



Toys for Tots 2024! Another Successful Year!

This year's T4Ts campaign kicked off in early November and we were blessed to receive over 4,800 toys and 116 bikes by the time distribution day came on Sunday, December 15. Among Beaufort, Hyde, and Washington counties, there were 780 children who needed toys. Each child received more than 5 toys and stocking stuffers in their bag. Sunday was a busy day distributing toys, but All Saints' Hall was filled with Christmas spirit from our wonderful volunteers who came out in full force as we served more than 490 families locally with Christmas toys and cheer! Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the T4Ts effort this year! Without you, we could not have accomplished this wonderful mission. A special shout-out to the Washington High School students, the PS Jones Middle School students, the Washington Montessori Public Charter School students, and Boy Scout Troop #99 who helped in sorting, bagging and distribution. Their yearly support is tremendous for us to be able to count, sort, and bag within the one-week timeframe. We look forward to continuing this program next year, so keep your calendars open! For more information, feel free to contact Michelle Clancy Fuller, Judy Van Dorp, or Henry Capogna.



On Sunday, January 26th, Girl Scouts from Saint Peter's, Maribel Edwards, and Adelaide and Cordelia Stiles, will be selling cookies in the atrium following the 10am service. Cookies are \$6 per box. They can accept cash and cards and appreciate your support!

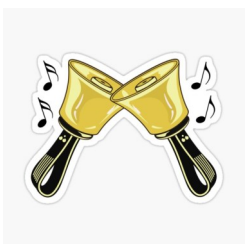


Introduction to Conversational Spanish- Beaufort County Community College is offering this opportunity at St. Peter's. Spend six evenings to improve your comfort with and desire to communicate with our Hispanic friends and neighbors. We will learn to discuss family, weather, food, and terms from the church calendar. Also, please bring subjects important to your life so we can all learn together. Speaking mostly in the present tense with some important verbs for past and future actions, Janet Sueiro Rodman will lead this gentle introduction to an important local language. No charge. Limited class size. **Please call 252-940-6375 to register.** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on Tuesdays, Jan. 28th through March 4th in the Woolard Meeting Room.

If you requested 2025 weekly offering envelopes, they may be found on a table in the Atrium.



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 or let him know on Sunday morning!



Join us on Wednesdays!

Handbells—5:30pm

Chancel Choir—7:00pm

