

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

## Keynotes

September 2024



We are experiencing a flurry of activity at St. Peter's! Sunday School for children has resumed, and this year, there are expanded offerings for fellowship and spiritual growth as new seasonal events have been planned for our children. We have new Bible study opportunities, new musical offerings, and a whole host of other wonderful things. It's astounding when you survey just how much happens under the banner of St. Peter's.

Why, though? Why do we have so much going on? Is it to fill the little blocks on a calendar so our bishop thinks we are doing alright? Are we offering things because, well, "that's just what we do at church?" There must be something more than just busyness and tradition that undergirds what happens here.

What is the cornerstone of everything that goes on at this amazing church? It's Jesus Christ! He is the one we seek to encounter when we open the Scripture. He is the one we praise when we sing or ring bells. He is the one we want our children to know as they grow up in a world often absent of light and joy.

That might not be why you do things at St. Peter's, and that's okay. At least, for now! Let's put our cards on the table. I hope and pray that everyone in the pews at St. Peter's is engaging actively with the Living Christ. I pray that everyone at St. Peter's engages in behaviors and makes life choices that will guide them further into union with Jesus Christ.

With all that happens under our roof, and all that happens outside of our hallowed walls, there shouldn't be much of a reason to not be growing spiritually. If you feel like you are in a spiritual rut, or you don't even know how to start again, please reach out to me at [chris@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:chris@saintpetersnc.org) and let's set up a time to talk. Nothing excites me more than helping people become more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ!


Peace, Chris



With our beautiful, old facility there are always small projects and needed repairs. We're also blessed with talented folks. If you're willing to help on occasion, please let us know how you'd be willing to help. Reach out to me, and when something comes up, I'll get in touch. Thanks in advance!




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Jr. Warden




Interested in becoming a layreader?  
Please call the church office at 252-946-8151.

Lay Readers



The **Blessing Box** needs fruits, vegetables, canned meats, and ready to eat meals. Please look for the cans/containers with **pull rings/pull top lids** for convenience. Bottled waters and juices are also appreciated especially during this heat. Thank you for your generosity!

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





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

\*Automatic Credit/Debit Card Payments

\*Gifts of Securities

\*If you are over 70 1/2, 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))



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  
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Judy Van Dorp-Senior Warden

John Thompson-Junior Warden

Mike Behar-Stewardship

Sarah Bernart-Communications

Cathy Capogna-Outreach

Joffre Fisher-Pastoral Care

Susan Hodges-Parish Life

Jason Jacques-Newcomers

Roberto Jimenez-Spanish Language Liaison

Dave Loope-Community Connections

Ashley Padgett-Clerk



# 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, Tim Cashion-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Mary Dennis-member, JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster-friends of Joffre Fisher, Victoria Gachuz-member, Jackie Garner-friend of Lizabeth Propst, Margaret Harris-friend of Joffre Fisher, Pat Litchfield- friend of Elizabeth Propst, Bob Medlin-friend of Sandy & Katherine Mitchell, Harold Robinson-friend of Kay Sharpe, Debra Sebastian-friend of Linda Weathersby, Aurora Ivy Swafford-friend of Joffre Fisher, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty Cochran, David Walker-friend of Kay Sharpe.

"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 call Roxanne Holloman at 252-944-4951 and know that prayer will begin in "real time." 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.



**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.! Next meeting date will be October 1st.



***Our condolences are extended to:***

*Family & Friends of Beth Leonard Szymeczek*

*daughter of Carol & Josh Tayloe*

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

To our fellow St. Peter's parishioners: Carol and I thank you for your thoughts and prayers following the recent death of our daughter, Beth Scymeczek. Josh Tayloe



As the school year begins, **Bright Futures** is working hard to support the schools as the students arrive. Two items currently needed by the schools are deodorant and baby wipes. Some children arrive at school and need some help freshening up for the day. You may share these items in the box by the church office or make a donation to help with the purchase of these items to share with the students. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's with Bright Futures in the memo line. Many thanks!



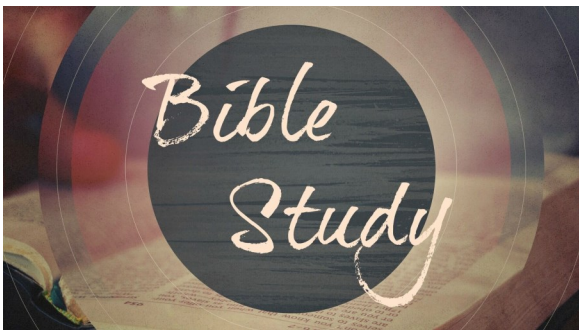
Everyone is invited to enjoy the annual St. Peter's Art Walk! Come to the churchyard at 11:00 on Sunday, October 27 for an hour of fellowship and arts appreciation.

*If you are an artist, woodworker, seamstress, photographer, poet, writer, craftsman... or you simply have something you'd like to exhibit, please participate!*

All mediums accepted. All ages welcomed.

A sign-up sheet is posted in Gardner Hall. If you have any questions or want to help, call Catherine (252-946-8151)

You may sell your items if you wish. Please consider donating a portion of your sales to St. Peter's.



**New Bible Study Opportunity:** The Rev. Polk Culpepper is leading a 6 week discussion group on the Sunday Lectionary readings. This is a great opportunity to dig more deeply into the Scriptures used at worship and to enhance your understanding and appreciation of the Bible. Coffee will be available, and there's no sign-up required. Fridays beginning September 20th at 9:00am in the Woolard Meeting Room.



10/3 Jane Taylor, Lourdes Williamson, Maria Deatherage  
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 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 Fernando Hernandez, Sarah Paszt  
10/31 Alfonso Gachuz, Johnny Rodman

## Fall ECW Book study

At the next ECW meeting on October 2, we will discuss the first chapter (The Invitation to Know God as Father) of our study book, **Our Father, A Study of the Lord's Prayer** by Becky Harling. I hope you have had a chance to get the book from Amazon or Pamlico Books and read the first week. I look forward to some insightful and heartfelt discussion. Come to the meeting at 10:00 AM, even if you have not read the first chapter/week. Mary Currin. 919-906-3132



## Theology ON TAP

“Theology on Tap” will meet next on Thursday, September 19 at 6:30pm at High Water Social. We are partnering with our friends at First Christian Church. Theology on Tap is a simple concept. Friends gathering together at a local pub to have rich conversations about God, humanity, and everything in between. There is a good selection of non-alcoholic drinks, so even if you don't plan to have a pint, come for the conversation and good soda!

*The Holy Peter Outreach Fund was created in 2023 to provide long term support for the Outreach mission and ministries of St. Peter's Church. Once the fund reaches a two year balance of \$300,000, a portion of the interest income will be available for grants to local charities or to establish new or add to outreach ministries of St. Peter's. The interest shall not be used for parish expenses or the annual budget. Currently the fund balance is close to \$100,000. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation to increase this fund.*

Checks may be mailed or delivered to:

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Post Office Box 985

Washington, NC 27889

Please include “HPOF” on the memo line.



St. Peter's has new group of Back Pack Buddies!

We have begun buying, packing and delivering weekend food for our young friends at Eastern Elementary School. We currently are serving 18 children but that number will increase in the weeks ahead.

If you are interested in helping with this wonderful ministry, you may make a monetary donation to SPC, indicating it's for "BPB." Every penny of your contribution will go towards the purchase of nutritious food for our buddies.



As we all know, when children are properly fed, they feel better and are simply happier. Their parents/guardians appreciate the help, and their teachers see a marked improvement in their school performance. Back Pack Buddies is a positive experience for all involved!

**Calling All Artists:** We are blessed with so many artists in our parish and it's time to feature their talents more. If you are an artist of any kind and would consider having your art featured on the cover of the bulletin, please email Chris at [chris@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:chris@saintpetersnc.org). If you don't work in visual media, we can find a way to incorporate your words into our worshipping life here at St. Peter's.





## 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](mailto: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!

**Episcopal 101:** As we prepare for the visit of our Bishop in mid-October, we will be offering Episcopal 101 during the Adult Sunday School hour on Sundays at 9am. This class will serve as an introduction to the Episcopal Church for new members and a refresher for long-time members. New members may also be considering receiving the sacrament of confirmation at our Bishop's visit, and this class will serve as preparation for that event. The best part? It's free!



## Washington Women's Bible Study

### Registration for "Luke in the Land: Walking with Jesus in His First Century World" Fall 2024

September 18, 2024-October 30, 2024 from 9:30-11:15am  
First Methodist Church Washington—Wesley Hall

In our Bibles, we have four Gospels describing Jesus's time on earth: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The land of Israel—the place Jesus walked and taught during His earthly ministry—is often referred to as the "fifth Gospel."

Follow Kristi McLelland through Israel as we study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke to see where the stories of the Bible took place. Over 7 sessions, challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, you'll see how Jesus, the Messiah, brought His kingdom to earth for everybody.

#### Benefits:

- Travel through Israel in teaching sessions filmed in Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, and more to behold the Gospel story in a whole new way
- Gain a deeper understanding of common stories retold from a first-century point of view
- Explore cultural and historical concepts that will give new perspective on well-known Biblical stories

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\_\_\_\_\_ "Luke in the Land"—I will order my own study guide.  
(Available from christianbook.com, lifeway.com, and Amazon)

\_\_\_\_\_ "Luke in the Land"—Please order the study guide for me at a cost of \$25. The cost of the book includes individual online video access. *(The deadline for ordering books is September 6, 2024. Please have registration forms and money sent to Sarah Faucette no later than this date. You can register at the door but will have to order your own book.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee of \$5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

You may mail this registration form to Sarah Faucette:  
1273 Mill Road, Chocowinity, NC 27817  
Make checks payable to WWBS.  
Contact Laura Davis at 943-4711 with questions.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## EAGLE'S WINGS FOOD PANTRY

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL **DANIEL LONG** 252-975-1138  
Go to web-site **eagles-wings.org** to complete Volunteer Application.

### TUESDAY PANTRY DAY VOLUNTEERS AND BACK-UP VOLUNTEERS

2-hour morning shift or 2-hour afternoon shifts available.

Volunteers needed to: stock shelves, pack grocery bags, take grocery carts to client's car.

### FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS

9am to 10am every Friday

Volunteers needed to pack food boxes for the homebound clients.

### MONDAY VOLUNTEERS

9am to 11am every Monday

To bag meat and produce in preparation for Tuesday Pantry Day; also break down boxes.

### DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

MONDAYS

Deliveries to Homebound clients, using the Eagle's Wings van.

### PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS

8:30am to 12:00pm every Friday (times can vary)

Drive Eagle's Wings van to pick-up bread at location in Grifton.

### PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS

12:00pm to 1:30pm Monday and Wednesday

Drive Eagle's Wings van to pick-up groceries from Wal-Mart.

### PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS

11:00am to 12:00pm every Saturday

Drive Eagle's Wings van to pick-up groceries from Food Lion Washington Square.