

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

## Keynotes

April 2024



Time inside of a tomb gives you lots of opportunities to think. That's what these last several weeks have been: a tomb of sorts. I have been shut up in the house for most of the day, alone with my thoughts and my feelings, my hopes and dreams and fears, and anything else that raced through my brain.

There's so much that I could share that I thought about and pondered, but I want to cut to the chase: I'm leaving this time away with a renewed commitment to being the best version of myself that I can be, offering all the love to the world that I can, and trying to bring the hope of Jesus Christ into every situation I find myself. Like a caterpillar who has dissolved inside of its cocoon, I come out of my own medical exile hoping to spread my wings like a butterfly.

That's Resurrection, when you find new life amidst the pain and anguish of our normalcy. You don't need to have back surgery in order to feel this resurrection power. You simply need to embrace that its power and its possibilities for new life are already within you. It is not the celebration of Easter Sunday that gives you hope. It's the story of the resurrected Jesus that gives you hope. It's not the pageantry and the beauty of an Easter liturgy that sustains you when you feel broken. What sustains you is the reality behind those words.

And the reality behind all the words and images of Easter is the unceasing love of God who continually offers us the opportunity to grow in grace, love, and mercy. But I don't want to just receive this message and let it die inside my own heart. I want to share it with the world. I want to share it with everybody who needs to know that there is life beyond the tomb. Would you commit to sharing this hope with me?

-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

**CHILDREN'S**  
*Sunday School*

**Meets at 11:15am**  
**Upstairs in the Youth Room**

Please prayerfully consider being an usher for St. Peter's Church; 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 call Hank Van Dorp at (252)214-8141.



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. 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





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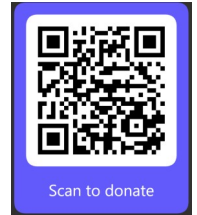
\*Gifts of Securities

\*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  
Fri 8:30am-12pm

## Saint Peter's Clergy & Staff

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## Vestry

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:** Chris Adams-our Pastor, Tracie Bowen-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Chris Burnett-friend of Bernice Marle, Tim Cashion-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Terry & Sallie Cutts-friends of Joffre Fisher, Martha Davis-sister of Betty Cochran, JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster-friends of Joffre Fisher, Ruby Fulford-friend of Cindy & William Cochran, Margaret Harris-friend of Joffre Fisher, Christine LeCompte-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Trish Litchfield-member, Katherine Mitchell-member, Hunter Moore-friend of Nita & Steven Lee, Tom Payne-member, Wayland Sermons-friend of Catherine & Neal Partrick, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty & Bill Cochran, Leta Thompson-member, Robert Weathersby-brother of Linda Weathersby, Peggy Woolard-cousin of Joffre Fisher.

"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.



Please save your **stamps** from mail for ECW. The proceeds from the sale of these stamps go to create Sunday School materials in Spanish for use in Latin American countries. Be sure to leave a ¼ - ½" border around your stamps. The stamp box is on the table outside the library. Thank you!



Feeling left out during the offering since you didn't bring cash? Never fear! Simply scan this code with your smartphone and you can donate safely and securely through our Online Giving platform.



If you are interested in giving altar flowers in 2024, there are three dates presently available. *Flowers* may be given on Sunday, October 20, (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost) and *Greenery* may be given on Sunday, December 8 or Sunday, December 15 (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent). If you are interested, please call Catherine at the church office. (252) 946-8151.

thank you

*I would like to thank Lois McLaughlin, Sallie Scales, Kay Sharpe, Cathy Whichard, Chris Tkach and Nancy Hamblin for making the Palm Sunday crosses, and Susan Watts who stripped the palms. A very special thanks goes out to those who showed up to do our "spring cleaning;" Sallie Scales, Ellen Nunnelee, Susan Watts, Brennan Tolliver, Jason Jacques, Lind Graves, Lois McLaughlin, Judy Van Dorp, Susan Hodges, Sarah Ninan, Katherine Tate, Sarah Bernart and Athalia Cooper. Last but not least, a huge thanks to the entire Spanish congregation who did an amazing job cleaning the chapel. Inda Hill*



We are looking for help with Sunday morning snacks for Sunday School and 11:15am coffee hour. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church office. Nothing fancy needed! Please have food in All Saints' Hall by 8:45am and bring on plate(s) that can be left for the 11:15am coffee hour. Doughnuts, fruit, cheese and breads are popular. . .Call Judy for questions at 252 367-5419

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/1 Henry Andrews, Pattie Graves, Tabitha Roberson

5/5 Martha Harding

5/6 Betty Jarvis

5/7 Nita Lee

5/8 Sharon Mangan, Lee Anne Stiles

5/10 Steven Lee, Jr.

5/11 Mary Kathryn McGahey

5/12 Gabby Adame, Bruce Jarvah

5/13 Mary Currin, Israel Mendieta

5/14 Carol Nash

5/15 Trip Bliley, Jean Sterling

5/16 Susan Hodges

5/18 Bernice Marle, Catherine Partrick, Christopher Ramirez

5/19 Meredith Hernandez-Espinoza

5/20 Eduviges Flores, Santos Rivera Tavera

5/22 Whit Powell

5/23 Victoria Gachuz, Bryant Higuera, Deire Madero

5/26 Keith Hardt

5/27 Olivia Paszt

5/28 Bill Cochran, Denniz Lora

5/29 Brandon Hernandez-Espinoza, Brian Miller, Edgar Serrano

5/30 Inda Hill, Debbie Holt



## Attic Sale Schedule

### Collection:

Monday-Thursday, 4/15-4/18 from 9am-3pm

*Nothing accepted after Thursday April 18*

Need items to be picked up? Call Dorretta Waite (252) 623-1189

**Sale Dates:** Friday, April 19 from 2:00pm-6:00pm

Saturday, April 20 from 8:00am-12:00pm

Helpers are always appreciated!!! Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board.



**ECW Spring Luncheon-** All ladies of St. Peter's are invited to the annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon. The event is covered dish and held in All Saints' Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the fellowship at our final meeting before summer!



## UTO Spring Ingathering May 12, 2024



The United Thank Offering (UTO) of the Episcopal Church is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God's mission throughout the world. These prayers start when we recognize and name our many blessings.

If you wish to practice the discipline of thankfulness, please pick up a blue box from the narthex of the church or chapel or areas around the church office. Start putting in coins or cash for your thanksgivings and bring your UTO gift to church on Sunday, May 12th.

Every penny will be forwarded to the Diocese, for every penny represents someone's prayers of thanksgiving. The money will be used to address human needs and help to alleviate poverty. Locally, Ruth's House and the Albemarle Food Bank have been recipients of the UTO grants.



## DONATE BLOOD!

**St Peter's 2024 Blood Drive**  
**MAY 21, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Manage your donation schedule!**

Last donation date for May 21 eligibility

Whole Blood - March 25

There will be a parish wide announcement when the Red Cross website is ready for sign ups.