

# Keynotes

January 2024



## Mark Your Calendars!



We are fortunate to have two special events taking place at St. Peter's in February. Schola Cantorum, whose mission is to promote the Anglican tradition of choral evensong, will return to sing Evensong at 5:00pm on February 4. This group of singers from our Diocese, Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, is conducted by Kevin Kerstetter from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh.



On Sunday, February 18 (note date change from previous announcement) at 6:00pm, Washington native David Jernigan will perform an exciting organ recital at St. Peter's. David is currently organist/choir master at Christ Church in Raleigh where he leads a robust music program. David, a graduate of East Carolina University, earned a master's degree in organ performance from Yale University and is an active recitalist in the United States and abroad. A reception will follow the recital.



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

Join Chris for coffee at the Main Cup  
on Tuesdays at 1:00pm for good  
conversation and fellowship.  
All are welcome!



**CHILDREN'S**  
*Sunday School*

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



Thank you to all of you who donated money during the holidays for Back Pack Buddies. Whether you purchased Christmas honor cards or made donations supporting our small friends at Eastern Elementary, your kindness makes a difference in the quality and amount of food we are able to provide them. We are presently sponsoring 19 underprivileged students, supplying them with nutritious weekend food each week. The families, teachers and children are most appreciative for your generosity. If you want to help, checks may be made out to SPC with "BPB" on the memo line.

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

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\*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

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Sarah Bernart

Cathy Capogna

Joffre Fisher

Susan Hodges

Jason Jacques

Roberto Jimenez

Dave Loope

Ashley Padgett



# 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:** Tracie Bowen-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Chris Burnett-friend of Bernice Marle, Tim Cashion-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Marie Cox-friend of Joffre Fisher, Terry & Sallie Cutts-friends of Joffre Fisher, Nancy & Otto Florschutz-friends of Ellen Nunnelee, JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster-friends of Joffre Fisher, Margaret Harris-friend of Joffre Fisher, William Earl Hopkins-friend of Monica St. Onge, Jamie Larkin-brother of Martha Larkin, Christine LeCompte-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Zach Martin-friend of Joe Stringer, Katherine Mitchell-member, Tom Payne-member, Ann Peters-member, Larry Smithwick-friend of St. Peter's, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty & Bill Cochran, Monica St. Onge-member, Steve St. Onge-uncle of Monica St. Onge, Leta Thompson-member, Robert & Linda Gail Weathersby-brother and sister-in-law of Linda Weathersby.

"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 1/4 - 1/2" 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.



*Our condolences are extended to:*

*The family and friends of Cris Blalock.*

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



**The 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina** will be held in Greenville at the convention center on Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10. We are in need of volunteers both days to staff the registration table, assist delegates, serve as greeters, and various other tasks. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Debbie Strickland (252-412-4535) or email: [jonndave@hotmail.com](mailto:jonndave@hotmail.com), or Patty Adams (252-347-7904) or email: [patty1601167@gmail.com](mailto:patty1601167@gmail.com).

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



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!





- 2/1 Ulises Correa, Forest Sidbury
- 2/2 Bill Cheshire, 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 Franny Johnson, Grace Paszt
- 2/16 Cathy Capogna, Jame Chavez, Jr., Julian Flores, Ann Peters
- 2/17 Sara Bentzel, Mauro Tellez
- 2/18 Gil Alfonso, Many Monath
- 2/19 Crystal Hardt
- 2/20 Dave Loope, Meredith Rawls
- 2/22 Tamara Clark, Edward Hardin, Cathy Waters
- 2/24 Verna Motteler, Ingrid Serrano
- 2/25 Barbara Grimes
- 2/29 Aynn Stowell-Hadley

If you requested 2024 Weekly Offering Envelopes, they can be picked up from the table in the atrium. If you did not request envelopes and wish to receive envelopes, please contact Jennifer in the church office. (252-946-8151 or [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org))



*The staff of St. Peter's extend to you, our parishioners and friends, our heartfelt thanks for your generosity at Christmas. We are touched that you thought about us, even though you have families of your own with many responsibilities. It is such a privilege for us to work among you as we serve God in a myriad of ways. We are so blessed by our relationships with all of you. Thank you again for our wonderful Christmas blessings!*

**The Christmas Honor Card Program** raised over \$4,000! Here are our totals: Financial Assistance Program-\$948, Back Pack Buddies-\$1,151, Marion Shepard Cancer Center-\$332, Eagles Wings-\$803, Zion Shelter & Soup Kitchen-\$458, Open Door Community Center-\$393. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

The Altar Guild needs to replenish the stock of knitted and crocheted baby blankets and quilts. If any of you are talented in this area and have some time, a quilt or a blanket would be great appreciated!







# Heart to Heart Women's Conference 2024

Harvest Church - Washington, NC

**Jan 26 & Jan 27**  
7-9 pm      9am-noon

featuring  
**Kristi McLelland**



Kristi is a speaker, teacher, and college professor at Williamson College. Since completing her Masters of Arts in Christian Education at Dallas Theological Seminary, she has dedicated her life to discipleship, and to teaching people how to study the Bible for themselves. As a Biblical culturalist, Kristi writes about how God is better than we ever knew by explaining the Bible through a Middle Eastern Lens. Kristi's great desire is for people to truly experience the love of God in a personal way. This desire birthed a ministry in which she leads Biblical study trips to Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Kristi has taught and shepherded thousands, and has studied under Dr. Jim Martin, Rabbi Ken Alpren and world-renowned Israeli archaeologist Dr. Gabi Barkay. Kristi is the best selling author of Jesus and Women and The Gospel on the Ground. She is also the host of the popular Pearls podcast.

& special music by  
**Laura Cooksey**

Laura has been a full-time session singer, worship artist, touring background singer and featured soloist for 15 years. She has toured as a worship leader for national conferences including Women of Faith and EWoman. She has also toured singing background vocals and as a featured soloist for artists including Mandisa, Natalie Grant, Nicole C Mullen, Matthew West, Michael W Smith and Amy Grant. Her voice can also be heard as a featured soloist in every Disney Park worldwide. Laura lives in Franklin, IN with her husband of 16 years, Kyle, and her 3 children, De'Aysha, Sharnarion, and Corey.



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Cut on the dotted line and mail the form below OR register online on our website:

[hearttoheartconference.org](http://hearttoheartconference.org) | Please print legibly! Your email will be used to confirm your registration.

Registrations are non-refundable but are transferable.

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CARPOOL!**

No childcare available. We will gladly take donations with your registration to help offset the cost of the conference.

Bring a sweater. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the event.

Please include \$30 payment with registration form.

Make checks payable to FIRST METHODIST CHURCH and mail to:

HEART TO HEART c/o DAVEY FULMER 11/ S. REED DRIVE WASHINGTON, NC 27389



## **Toys for Tots 2024 – A Grand Success!**

This year's T4T's campaign kicked off in early November, and we were blessed to receive over 5,200 toys and 114 bikes by the time distribution day came on Sunday, December 10. Among Beaufort, Hyde and Washington Counties, there were 930 children who needed toys. Every child received more than 3 toys and stocking stuffers in their bag. Sunday was a busy, rainy day for distribution, but our wonderful volunteers came out in full force as we served more than 325 families locally with Christmas toys and cheer!

Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the T4T's effort this year! Without you, we could not have accomplished this wonderful mission. Your time and dedication is much appreciated. 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.



### Legacy of Edgar Woolard, Jr.

I should like to take this opportunity to remember a former member of St. Peter's who died on December 4, 2023 – Edgar Woolard, Jr. His family members were devout Episcopalians and supporters of our church. I was a friend of the family for many years.

Edgar Jr. lived at the northwest corner of Bonner and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets. The house is no longer there. Edgar's dad ran the very popular Courthouse Restaurant on N. Market Street, across from the courthouse.

Edgar Jr. graduated from Washington High School and N.C. State University. He began working for DuPont and eventually became CEO and chairman of the board.

Edgar's dad, for many years, cooked for the St. Peter's 7:00 a.m. Wednesday morning prayer breakfast and numerous EYC activities. His mother, Mamie, was active in the church.

During our fundraising campaign to build All Saints' Hall and renovated Gardner Hall, Edgar Jr. was contacted. He generously sponsored the Woolard Meeting Room in honor of his mother and father. His sister, Bobbie, and her husband, Hugh, gave the beautiful conference table and chairs for this room.

Later, during fundraising for repairs to the stained glass windows, Edgar Jr. sponsored a window in honor of his parents. It is located in the stairwell of Gardner Hall

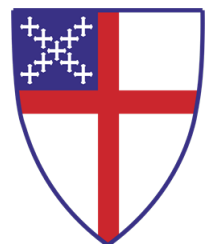
One thing I distinctively recall is that Edgar Jr.'s dad always kept the Book of Common Prayer on a table next to his living room chair.

The Woolards were a good and generous family.

William I. Cochran, Jr.

Former Chairman, Building Committee

Former Chairman, Windows Restoration Project



## Annual Vestry Report for 2023

First of all, I would like to acknowledge and thank the vestry members whose term is ending. Ed Hodges and Carol Nash have taken on many roles over the last three years. Ed has served mainly in leading our stewardship campaigns and with newcomers, while Carol has led the worship committee and flower guild along with serving as the vestry liaison with the exciting launch of the Holy Peter Fund.

Please join me in a round of applause in thanking them for their dedication and service to our church.

This year has been another active year for Saint Peter's as we have celebrated numerous events, such as the blessings of several marriages, multiple baptisms, and continued our philanthropic outreach within the Washington and Beaufort County communities.

Some of the many events and celebrations we have enjoyed throughout the year include the Art Walk, the Blessing of the Animals, the Chompi Quartet, the River Eucharist, and just recently St. Peter's participation in the Holiday Homecoming Tour. We again saw parishioners participate in and complete Sacred Ground. And our active ECW, Sunday Schools and Day School have continued to serve the needs of the parish.

We have a beautiful churchyard thanks to the work of our dedicated members who devoted time and effort to the continuous maintenance of our Historic Grounds and Chapel Garden.

Throughout the year Saint Peter's has continued to serve Washington and Beaufort County through the church's outreach programs, including: BackPack Buddies, the Blessing Box, our Financial Assistance Program, and Bright Futures, which offers assistance to students throughout the county. The church also maintains and supports our partnerships with numerous community organizations, such as: Eagle's Wings, Zion Shelter, Open Doors Community Center, Toys for Tots, and the Salvation Army. We have been working as partners in outreach with Check and Connect, African Team Ministries, the Summer Food Program, and the United Thank Offering (UTO) which is distributed to missions and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church.

Before I close, I would like to share my heartfelt admiration and appreciation for Chris. One of the greatest joys of being Senior Warden has been getting to know Chris and witnessing first-hand the strength of his leadership, his commitment to our parish, and his desire to learn, grow, and share his love for God's blessings. Please join me in applauding Chris for all the seen and unseen ways he serves us.

So as my vestry term draws to an end, I want to thank the members of this vestry and you, the congregation for your support, eagerness to serve, and benevolent outreach to each other and our community. I am humbled and grateful to call this church my home since joining fifteen years ago, as the warmth of this congregation and the honor of serving our community is where I find God's love.

Thank you.  
Lynn Harrington  
Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

I have been remiss in thanking so many of you for the many personal notes, cards, phone calls, and meals that have come my way since I was diagnosed with leukemia in late September. Please be assured that all your caring efforts were very dear and welcome.

While I have tolerated the medical treatments relatively well, I find that I am not at the top of my game. I no longer have the energy, stamina, or focus to maintain the activities to adequately serve and minister to the people of Saint Peter's and the larger community. For this reason, I am taking a leave of absence from all of my responsibilities at Saint Peter's.

This was a difficult decision to come to, but one that I know is not only in my best interest but also for the congregation. I will remain a part of our parish community and engage as I am able.

Sandy and I have been surrounded by excellent loving and caring family and friends for which we greatly appreciate and are grateful. We have much to be thankful and joyful about and will celebrate the new year with hopeful expectations knowing and believing that God has wonderful things awaiting us. I will be grateful for your continued prayers and support in the days to come.

Your friend,  
Rev. Katherine



"The winter solstice time is no longer celebrated as it once was, with the understanding that this is a period of descent and rest, of going within our homes, within ourselves, and taking in all that we have been through, all that has passed in this full year which is coming to a close... like nature and the animal kingdom around us, this time of hibernation is so necessary for our tired limbs, our burdened minds.

...the natural tug to go inwards as nearly all creatures are doing is strong and the weather so bitter that people are left feeling that winter is hard because, for those of us without burning fires and big festive families, it can be lonely and isolating. Whereas winter is kind, it points us in its quiet, soft way towards our inner self, this annual time of peace and reflection, embracing the darkness and forgiving, accepting, and loving embracing goodbye the past year.

Winter takes away the distractions, the buzz, and presents us with the perfect time to rest and withdraw into a womb-like love, bringing fire & light to our hearth.

.. and then, just around the corner the new year will begin again, and like a seed planted deep in the earth, we will all rise with renewed energy once again to dance in the sunlight.

Life is a gift!"

*\*\*Devotion shared at the January Meeting of the ECW*





## **New Member** **Information** **Meeting**

**So you've heard about the Daughters of the King, an order of the Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches focused on prayer, service, and evangelism.**

**And you'd like to know more?**

**Join our DOK Chapter for an informational meeting -**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

**At Zion Episcopal Church**

**7322 Hwy. 264, Washington, NC**

*Motto of The Daughters of the King:  
For His Sake ... I am but one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.  
What I can do, I ought to do.  
What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.  
God, what will you have me do?*

For more information, please contact  
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Roxanne Holloman, 252-944-4951

## Annual Jr Warden's Report 2023

2023 has been a somewhat busy year behind the scenes. First and foremost, innumerable thanks to Riley Roberson and his helpers for their tireless attention to the church grounds. He does an amazing job, and if you're every at church sometime during the week, you'll probably see him working. Accolades also to Jennifer Spivey, without whom the Jr. Warden's job would be tremendously more difficult!

We did complete several planned and unplanned electrical items. The lighting in ASH was replaced. Issues with the lighting in the sanctuary, the walkway, and emergency lighting were addressed. Progress has been made in changing bulbs in the chapel to LED. A motion sensing light was added to the end of the kitchen to provide some additional light.

We contracted an expert to review the climate control of the sanctuary to eliminate reliance on the very old boiler for heating and improve efficiency for cooling. A proposal has been received and is in process of review.

Many missing shingles on ASH created roof leaks that were repaired and some shingles were replaced. We will need to replace all of the shingles soon. Fascia boards and gutters were repaired on Bonner Street side of the main building. Painting in the Handicap parking area was completed to improve safety. Designated visitor parking was created beside the Handicap parking near ASH.

I thank everyone who assisted on these and other items that I have forgotten to mention. It takes a lot to keep our beautiful, old facility in good condition. We're blessed to have willing workers to do it!

Respectfully submitted,

John Thompson

## 2023 Holy Peter Outreach Fund Annual Report

The trustees of the Holy Peter Outreach Fund are so pleased with the enthusiastic way the Parish has embraced the creation of this new Fund. As our mission statement says we should be "responding to the needs of our community and healing the world through the power of the Holy Spirit".

We are well on our way to our long term goal of \$300,000, with a current balance of \$90,450. Thank you to the 94 members who have donated in 2023. Once we meet that income goal, we can begin to distribute a portion of the interest to create grants to local non-profits or create new outreach ministries at St. Peter's.

Thank you.

Trustees: Mary Currin, Swanson Graves, Tom Archie, Fred Holscher  
Vestry liaison: Carol Nash

