

Keynotes

July 2024



One of the things I love so much about Saint Peter's is how we have a culture of appreciation. Case in point, I am writing this one day after my birthday. I'm still basking in all the love and generosity so many of you provided. From meaningful cards to sliced-up watermelon (my favorite fruit!) and including a Superman-themed surprise party at Coffee with Chris, I can't remember a time when parishioners showed me such love on my birthday. Cakes and cookies were made, and a gift was given so Julia and I could have a nice date night on the town. It was, and remains, overwhelming! I am so thankful and blown away by the generosity and care of this parish. It's truly extraordinary.

This is the kind of love the world needs to see. This is the kind of community that takes care of its people, celebrates with them, and appreciates them. This is the kind of place the world needs to see, a place where we push past differences and still celebrate each other's beauty. How can we keep this energy and love at the forefront of our minds as we move through this divisive election cycle? We have the chance to prove to the world that Christian love isn't something that only happened in the past. We can show the world a better way to be human, and it begins here in Washington. Keep it up, beloved children of God. You are awesome!

-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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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





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*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.



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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, Chris Burnett-friend of Bernice Marle, Tim Cashion-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Austin Cherry-friend of the Spiveys, Terry Cutts-friend of Joffre Fisher, JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster-friends of Joffre Fisher, Margaret Harris-friend of Joffre Fisher, Laura LaBassi-sister of Janet Sueiro Rodman, Bob Medlin-friend of Sandy & Katherine Mitchell, Debra Sebastian-friend of Linda Weathersby, Aurora Ivy Swafford-friend of Joffre Fisher, Beth Szymeczek-daughter of Dr. Josh & Carol Tayloe, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty Cochran, 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.



Our condolences are extended to:

The family of Carolyn Thomas

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



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.

Congratulations Graduates!



*If you have a graduate to announce: High School, College or Advanced degrees, please share the information with the church office. communications@saintpetersnc.org, or call 252-946-8151

Elizabeth Blondel Anderson graduated Summa Cum Laude from UNC-Wilmington with a degree in English and Creative Writing, and a publishing certificate. Daughter of Loren Mumford.

Julian Chavez graduated from the University of Mississippi. Grandson of Anna & Bill Rianhard.

Benjamin Gachuz graduated from Tarheel Challenge Academy in New London, NC. Son of Maria & Ladislao Gachuz.

Shelby Brooks Harris, Master of Arts in Sociology, East Carolina University. Daughter of Stephanie & Scott Harris.

Morgan Holder, Cape Fear Community College. Granddaughter of Betty Cochran

Davis Roberson Jones graduated from Washington High School. Will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill. Son of Lilly & Marcus Jones and Grandson of Olivia & Riley Roberson.

Jackson Warren Motteler graduated with a BS in History from Western Carolina University. Grandson of Verna Motteler.

Abigail Grace Motteler, Seaforth High School Valedictorian, Pittsboro, NC. Granddaughter of Verna Motteler

Erin Margaret Palmer, graduated with a BA in Global Studies from Penn State University. Granddaughter of Mary & Ray Dennis.

Jillian Rianhard graduated from the University of Mississippi. Granddaughter of Anna & Bill Rianhard.

Austin Hodges Samuels graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Murrow College of Journalism at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. Parents are Acra Hackney Samuels and Christopher Samuels. Grandparents are Marsha & Hodges Hackney.

Austin Williams graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Criminal Technology. Grandson of Jean Sterling.



Back Pack Buddies - Throughout this school year, our congregation generously provided food for 19 Eastern Elementary Kindergartners over the weekends – for 36 weeks! Teachers report that when a child is hungry, his/her performance diminishes as the week goes by. By providing them nutritious food, their stomachs are filled and their performance improves. On their behalf, thank you for supporting these underprivileged children, their appreciative families, and their hard-working teachers.

Specifics: Every Thursday during the school year, our teams deliver a bundle of food to the school for each of our sponsored children. Each bundles consists of 2 meats (ex: lasagna, pork and beans, vegetable beef soup), a large can of vegetables, two packages of fruit, one fresh fruit, two fruit juices, two breakfast items (cereal, pop tarts, granola), two noodle items (mac & cheese, ramen), two snacks (cookies, crackers, gummies), and two milk products (milk and pudding).

St. Peter's parishioners donated \$5,861.27 to the Back Pack Buddies ministry this year; \$5,318.38 was spent on food. (The rest is our "nest egg.") Please know that every dollar you give to Back Pack Buddies goes completely towards the purchase of food. You will hear more from us when schools reopen. Enjoy your summer and know that your love makes a difference!

8/1 Liz Cooper, Jim Leach, Louis Miller

8/2 Rick Gray, Joe Stringer

8/3 Martha Larkin

8/4 Liv Jones

8/5 Tony Capehart, Lynn Harrington, Franz Holscher, Josue Ramirez

8/6 Seb Barrett

8/7 Stuart Dudley

8/8 Kenneth Gaudreault

8/9 Mary Dennis, Ellen Nunnelee, Richard Young

8/10 Keith Hudson, Audrey Miller

8/12 Santiago Espinoza, Susanne Sanders

8/13 Caulder Edwards

8/14 Athalia Cooper, Stacey Lynch

8/15 Dana Cordova, Mark Henley

8/16 Delores Darden, Esteban Sanches

8/19 Ken Hadley

8/21 Mike McIntyre

8/23 Brantley Garner

8/25 Mike Pendergrass, Joel Roman, Parker Sheppard

8/26 Katherine Hall, Frederick Holscher

8/27 Nadine Barrett

8/29 Carlos Raul Arballo

8/30 Lucy Frances Monath, Cordelia Stiles, Cathy Whichard

8/31 Iveth Serrano, Tracy Tuten



Calling All Artists

St. Peter's ECW wants to print new notecards as our current inventory is very low. We are asking members of our parish for submissions that can be reprinted on notecards. Images can be photos, watercolors, acrylics or whatever medium you desire. The images can be of the church grounds, gardens, cemetery, or building. We can reduce the size to fit our 4 1/4 x 5 1/2 format. You will receive credit for your original artwork. Deadline for submission is August 1, 2024. Your submissions will be reviewed by the ECW Board and artwork will be chosen and reproduced in time for Fall purchases. As you pick your subject, remember these cards will be great for parishioner's notes as well as for gifts. Questions? me2currin@aol.com 919-906-3132.



Theology ON TAP

“Theology on Tap” will meet next on July 25 at 6:30pm at High Water Social across the bridge. We are partnering with our friends at First Christian Church. Theology on Tap is a simple concept. Friends gather together at a local pub to have rich conversations about God, humanity, and everything in between. Join us as we embark on a new adventure. 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!