

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

## Keynotes

June 2024



It's been just about 4 months since my back surgery. As a quick update, things are progressing as well as the doctors would like, and I'm getting more and more movement back each day. Thank you for your prayers, your well-wishes, and the food y'all provided. You are wonderful!

Speaking of wonderful people, let's take a minute to highlight two people who don't get the credit they deserve. When I was out of the office for seven weeks, Jennifer Spivey and Catherine Partrick ensured that the church's ministries ran as vibrantly and smoothly as possible. They were the faces everyone saw when they came to church during the week. They put in more time and effort than was expected of them, and they did it with a smile!

These two people were, and still are, faithful ministers in the service of Jesus Christ. Their ministry of presence, professionalism, and genuine care for St. Peter's is a true gift to our parish, and I simply can't thank them enough.

I hope you will take some time to email, call, or thank them face-to-face so they know how appreciated they are. Without them, ministry here at St. Peter's would look very different. So, join me in thanking and celebrating these two amazing servants of the Gospel.

-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



The Church Office will be closed July 4 & 5 in observance of Independence Day.



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





## 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:** Tracie Bowen-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Chris Burnett-friend of Bernice Marle, Lisa Carillo-niece of Jean Sterling, Tim Cashion-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Austin Cherry-friend of the Spiveys, Terry Cutts-friend of Joffre Fisher, Martha Davis-sister of Betty Cochran, JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster-friends of Joffre Fisher, Kristie Hadley-daughter of Aynn & Ken Hadley, Margaret Harris-friend of Joffre Fisher, Kian Hernandez-child of Vanessa Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez-member, Pam Hodges-member, Laura LaBassi-sister of Janet Sueiro Rodman, Christine LeCompte-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Bob Medlin-friend of Sandy & Katherine Mitchell, Liz Richards-friend of Kay Sharpe, Debra Sebastian-friend of Linda Weathersby, Beth Szymeczek-daughter of Dr. Josh & Carol Tayloe, Monica St. Onge-member, 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:*

*Family and Friends of Carolyn Harding*

*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!



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.

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.

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.

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

## 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? Contact Mary Currin [me2currin@aol.com](mailto:me2currin@aol.com) 919-906-3132.





**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 bundle 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!



7/1 Wesley Edwards

7/3 Tom Payne

7/4 Samantha Baldree

7/6 Maria Gachuz

7/7 Cecilio Cota, Louis Taylor

7/8 Isabel Gomez, Rebecca Paul, Elena Tellez

7/9 Ray Dennis, Pam Hodges

7/10 Lucinda Dominguez, Madeline Roberson, Logan Whitehurst

7/11 Armine Smith, Katherine Edwards

7/12 Janet Bradbury, Davis Jones

7/15 Alex Loope

7/16 The Very Reverend Chris Adams

7/18 Becky Furr, Florette Moore

7/19 Pat Capehart Brown, David Howdy

7/21 Rob Monath, The Reverend Whit Stroud

7/23 Carol Robinson

7/25 Sergio Higuera, Jerry Vick

7/28 Delfina Gachuz

7/30 Sharon Johnston

Did you know that Saint Peter's has a committee that focuses on attracting and supporting newcomers? We are all familiar with the benefit of having been welcomed when we were the "new kid (or adult) on the block." If you would like to join this committee, please contact Laura Bliley at [BlileyL@ecu.edu](mailto:BlileyL@ecu.edu) or 252-495-3008. This committee requires meetings about twice each year, and we ask that you attend the welcome table at end of the 10:00am service about every 6 weeks.



Saint Peter's is again participating in the Beaufort County Schools Summer Feeding Program! Many thanks to volunteers Nancy Hamblin, Lois Mclaughlin, Laura Bliley, Jane Taylor, Pattie Graves, Steve Campbell, John & Leta Thompson, Cathy & Henry Capogna and Judy Van Dorp. For 8 weeks these folks will distribute breakfast and lunch, prepared by the school system, to any child in need at the Havens Gardens playground. This is a special ministry and Saint Peter's should be proud!

