

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

## Keynotes

August 2024



We don't have much of Summer left. Soon, but not soon enough, the heat will lower, and we can finally breathe again as the humidity gives way to the crisp Fall air. It's another change, but it's a change we are accustomed to. The philosopher Heraclitus once said, "You can't step in the same river twice." In one sense, that's not true. How many of you have sailed and paddled on the same Pamlico River your whole life? In another sense, it's true because that's not the same water. It's always flowing, always moving, and even if you put your boat in the same place every time, it's not the same water. It's changed in a very real sense. That's what Heraclitus was talking about. Even the things that look permanent change, and there's nothing we can do but accept that life is always on the move. Summer gives way to Fall. The Pamlico River flows towards the ocean. On and on we could go, but we don't have that much room.

We experience the same kind of change as we live in relationship to the Living Christ. He's not trapped by history, confined to the golden Gospel book we read on Sunday mornings. He's not merely a figure of history, but he is a living force that is constantly calling us to move beyond the normalcy of our lives, to move beyond the monotony, to become something more than we were yesterday. He is the same Christ who spoke to the Apostles years ago, yet that sameness should not be mistaken for stagnation. His mercies are ever new, as an old hymn says. And that mercy calls us to change, calls us to embrace his way of living as if for the first time.


How are you allowing him to change you, to transform you into somebody holier and more faithful than yesterday? If you're not, that's okay. Mercy abounds no matter the circumstances of our life. But I encourage you, dear people of God, to allow Christ to work on you, to lead you into a life of goodness and mercy, the likes of which you've never seen before. Let him in and see what miracles he can do.



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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\*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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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, 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, Harold Robinson-friend of Kay Sharpe, 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, David Walker-friend of Kay Sharpe, 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.



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:** Every Tuesday, from 1 to 3 p.m., 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.!



**Blessing of the Backpacks:** Sunday, August 25, following a Bi-Lingual service at 10am, we will be having our annual Blessing of the Backpacks plus good food and fellowship. This year, Kona Ice will be on-site to sweeten our time! Make plans to attend, and even if you aren't a student, bring something to bless that represents your life and work. It will be an amazing time!



**Friday, Aug 23rd 2pm-6pm  
Saturday, Aug 24th 7am-12am**

**Zion Episcopal Church  
Parish Hall**

**7302 Hwy 264 E, at Bright Acres Rd,  
2 miles beyond Beaufort County Community  
College**

**Huge selection of household items, tools,  
electronics, jewelry, clothing and much  
much more!**



**Art Walk** - Let's gather together on Sunday, October 27 in our splendid churchyard to enjoy our many blessings and talents. We'll meet under the trees following the 10am service for an hour of fellowship and arts appreciation! If you are an artist, woodworker, seamstress, tanner, craftsperson or you simply have something you'd like to share with others, please participate! Watercolors, pottery, 3D items, quilts, woodwork, jewelry, photography – the possibilities are endless! Children are encouraged to participate.

A sign-up sheet is now posted in Gardner Hall!

Questions? Call Catherine (252-946-8151)



9/4 Steve Nobles

9/5 Maricruz Ramirez, Ian Stroud

9/6 Betty Cochran, Milan Espinoza

9/8 Paola Adame, Tripp Andrews, Hank Van Dorp

9/9 Anna Rianhard

9/11 Henry Moore

9/12 Charlie Brown, Trish Litchfield, Susan Pendergrass, Lilly Woolard

9/13 Don Stroud

9/14 Lex Mann

9/16 Allison Mordecai

9/17 Jay Dixon

9/18 Mike Paul, Riley Roberson

9/20 Giovanni Gachuz, Sergio Higuera

9/21 Lisa Capehart, Jose Lora, Eugenia Serrano

9/22 Reg Smith

9/23 Rubi Adame, Carlos Arballo, Stephanie Williams

9/26 Jorge Adame, Vianey Lopez

9/27 Val Johnson, Eliza Lee, John Tate, III

9/30 Helen Dixon

## Fall ECW Book study

We are looking forward to our first meeting for the fall on Wednesday September 4. On that day you will be introduced to our program for the year. We will be using the book Our Father, A Study of the Lord's Prayer by Becky Harling. It is a 6 week Bible study but we will revise it into a 6 month Bible study, so that we can have September through April to absorb it.

In this book Harling shares six life-changing invitations that Jesus offers through this prayer. I will introduce the first chapter in September and will invite you to participate in the leading of each chapter as we progress. The chapters include scripture, stories, reflection, questions and opportunities to strengthen our love for Jesus.

I will have some copies for purchase ( \$15.00) at the September meeting. Tom at Pamlico Books has a few in stock as well. Also, you can order it on amazon.

Look forward to seeing you all. Feel free to bring a friend.

Mary Currin, ECW program chair 919-906-3132



# Theology ON TAP

**“Theology on Tap”** will meet next on Thursday, August 29 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!



Summer has passed and Fall is here,  
Schools are full of young ones dear!  
Want to help them with their studies?  
Why not give to Back Pack Buddies?

Hungry children love the treat  
Of getting weekend food to eat.  
Every Thursday we take foods  
To fill them up and boost their moods!

A contribution never fails -  
Bring it in or simply mail!  
Every cent is used for feeding  
Children who are surely needing.



**Proverbs 11:25** "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Please make checks payable to Saint Peter's Church, "BPB" on the memo line. (PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889) Food goes to pre-approved Kindergartners at Eastern Elementary. THANK YOU!

**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.





**Football Already???** Yes! It is once again time for St. Peter's to show support for our community youth by feeding the Washington Pam Pack football team. On Friday, August 30 at 2:30 in the afternoon we will be serving lasagna and fixin's to 45 hungry players and coaches in All Saints Hall. We need **6 volunteers** to help serve and clean up as well as **4 volunteers** to make 2 dozen cookies each. It is really a fun event and the kids appreciate it. Please text Cathy Capogna at 616 302-3720 if you can help and she will provide further instruction.



### 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

\_\_\_\_\_ "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.



Join us for a *GROW YOUR FAITH* Event



# Praying the Scriptures for Your Family

First Methodist Church, Washington, NC

featuring  
**Jodie Berndt**

September 15, 2024 5:30-6:45 pm



Jodie Berndt has written or cowritten many books, including the bestselling *Praying the Scriptures* series for children, teens, and adult children. A speaker and Bible teacher, Jodie has been featured on programs like *Focus on the Family*, *The 700 Club*, and a host of popular podcasts. She has also written articles for many news and faith outlets. She and her husband, Robbie, have four adult children, and they live in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

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

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

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

Nursery Needed? If so, please list ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include \$10 for a single registration or  
\$15 for a married couple registration.

Please include payment with registration form.

Make checks payable to FIRST METHODIST CHURCH and mail to:

Catherine Glover 835 Cox Road Washington, NC. 27889

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We will gladly take donations with your registration to help offset the cost of the conference.  
Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the event.





# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## EAGLE'S WINGS FOOD PANTRY

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL DANIEL LONG 252-975-1138

Go to web-site [eagles-wings.org](http://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.