

Keynotes

May 2026



Hope springs eternal, even in the most surprising of places. It's been nearly a year since we launched our Youth Group, and it has been wonderful to witness the bonds forming among the teenagers. From game nights and lock-ins to meaningful conversations about the difference between belief in God and believing in Bigfoot, they have created a genuine community.

I've worked with numerous youth groups throughout my ministry, and I can say without hyperbole or exaggeration that this group of teenagers gives me hope for the future in a way no other youth group has. That's a bold statement, but I stand by it. And how can I be so confident, confident enough to make such a claim? Because this past weekend, I spent two nights in Goose Creek State Park with our Youth Group and witnessed something miraculous.

No fighting, name calling, or exclusions. No bullying, shaming, or teenage angst-filled existential dread. Instead, I saw joy, smiles, and laughter. I saw respect made flesh and bone, a willingness to help shown by EVERYONE there.

There were conversations about their appreciation of beauty and humor. The gift of storytelling and imagination is possessed by everyone in our youth group, and around the campfire we were wowed by their genius. It's high praise, but I feel like it's deserved; these kids, one of whom is my own child, are inheriting the world that we are building, and in some ways are destroying. They are not naïve to the challenges and struggles of the world. They are not naïve to the social issues facing our country. And yet, all of them possess the desire to be good, to love one another, and to respect each other enough to welcome one another. So many of them want to fight for truth, justice, and a better tomorrow in ways that are meaningful to them and that ignite their passion.

Though I am fueled by hope, I sometimes feel a touch of cynicism I wish I could avoid. However, I didn't notice any cynicism this weekend, and I never do on Sunday nights. I saw their hopeful attitudes—they aim for goodness now so that when they enter adulthood and fully engage with life, the world they step into is better than today's. Their hope inspires me, and I thank our Lord Jesus Christ for them and the opportunity to be church with them. It was truly a blessing to spend time with them this past weekend. I hope you, too, can feel their hopeful spirits. We're always looking for volunteers and chaperones—I'm sure you have something to contribute! Join us in building a better world!

—Chris



This school year, our generous St. Peter's congregation helped provide 25 Eastern Elementary kindergartners with nutritious weekend food.

Their teachers report that the kids' performance tends to wane by the end of the school week – mainly because of hunger and fatigue. Furthermore, their capabilities and enthusiasm improve greatly as a result of these extra provisions. Thank you for your generosity and compassion - from the children, their families, and their teachers. We'll be back in touch in the Fall!



Would you like to support our active and growing Youth Group by providing a meal on Sunday evenings? Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Your help is much appreciated!



Help us spread the word!
St. Peter's Dayschool has openings in the 3 & 4 year old classes! Call Beth Trgovic to schedule a tour.
(336) 467-8398

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



The church directory is **always** being updated. If you'd like a current copy, come by the office and get the latest version.



Giving to Saint Peter's has never been easier!

*Automatic Credit/Debit Card Payments

*If you are 73, 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 this option.

*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)



Scan to donate

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.



Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3pm

Fri 8:30am-12pm

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Vestry

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Patrick Nash-Junior Warden

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Deeanna Burleson
Jay Dixon
Emily Garner
Pat Griffin
Mark Henley
Dave Loope
Ashley Padgett
Bob Puphal-Clerk
Howard Smith



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.



This is a note of appreciation from a young mother who came on a Monday seeking help from our Financial Assistance Program. In talking with her, she shared that she had completed her coursework to become a Certified Nursing Assistant but did not have the money to take the certification exam. The Financial Assistance Program was able to pay for her certification exam. She passed it and is now employed! Here is her thank you note to St. Peter's.

This is a little thank you card to show my appreciation. I am very grateful that the Church was able to pay for my CNA exam. The donation was a great help to me. I am now able to look for better paying jobs to help support my kids.

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We are looking for new members, past and present, to join us.

Our meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:30pm in the Library.

Questions?

Contact: Chris Chaffer 252-945-1492



6/1 Bryant Gachuz, Shelby Harris
6/2 Jazmin Tellez
6/3 Luna Espinoza, Alex Lora
6/5 Gissel Higuera, Bodie Johnston, Marcus Jones
6/6 Ryan Tavera, Carol Tayloe
6/7 Sarah Bernart, Julia Concha, Dave Waite
6/8 Mary Todd MacKenzie
6/9 Susan Dawson, Peggy Hudson, Hannah Whichard
6/11 Katie Creech, Barbara Smith
6/12 Bettye Christian
6/13 Diane Furlough
6/14 Susan Callahan, Bill Hinkes, Macon Lee, Allan Tellez
6/15 Peter Robinson
6/16 Aurelia Gachuz
6/17 Kitty Carter
6/22 Betty Gray, Yannilenne Tellez
6/24 Lind Graves, Dick Leach
6/25 Celia Chavez, E.J. Paszt
6/26 Doreen Richter, Sallie Scales
6/27 Ladislao Gachuz, Bob Thomas
6/28 Brandon Adame, Becky Leach, Mac Skillen
6/29 David Francisco
6/30 Ed Hodges



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: John Brooks-cousin of Betty Gray, Megan Carpenter-granddaughter of Leslie Whitehurst, Peggy Daniels- daughter of Leslie Whitehurst, David Hochberg-friend of St. Peter's, Diane Igoe-friend of Janet Bradbury, Jane McCotter-friend of St. Peter's, Elizabeth Ann Moore-member, Linda Parent, Alice Phillips-member, Mike Rocchio-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Marsha & Ed Schneider-friends of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Allison Smith-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Monica St. Onge-member, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty Cochran, Marjorie Vreeland-friend of Linda Weathersby, Leslie Whitehurst-member, Logan Whitehurst-member, and all active duty military personnel.

*Our condolences are extended to the families and friends of
Kathryn Cooper Forrest, sister of Lee, Athalia & Liz Cooper
Dennis Miller, father of Brian Miller*

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

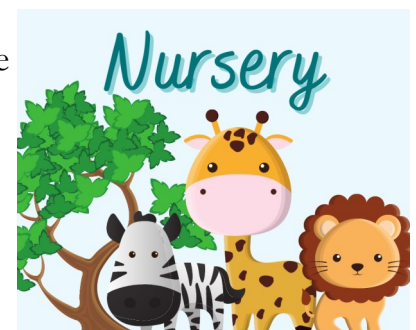


Volunteers are needed to provide Sunday Snacks for our growing Adult Sunday School Class and social time following the 10am service. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the church office if you are interested in helping out. Thank you and please come join us!

If you love babies and toddlers, please consider offering to be in the nursery from 10am-11am on Sunday mornings. To sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co84AA5A82AA2F8C16-60202942-nursery>

Thank you!





Save the date! The Bishop will be visiting St. Peter's on Sunday June 14. There will be an 8am service and a bilingual service at 10am. Lunch will be in All Saints Hall following the 10am service. Please bring a side or dessert to go along with the main course. Let us all show up and welcome our new Bishop.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOLS SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM! We need 12 volunteers (plus alternates) for this year's feeding program for the Beaufort County School system. The program runs from mid-June till mid-August, approximately 8 weeks. You will need to be at Haven's Gardens shelter one day per week from 11:15-12:30 dispersing pre-made meals to children. You will be given all the guidelines; it is a pretty simple ministry. And it is really fun!! Let me know if you are interested or have questions or if you have served in the past and want to stay with your current team.



Thanks – Judy 252 367-5419

“Meals on Wheels”

For many years, St. Peter's has participated in the DSS meal delivery program to shut-ins. Meals are picked up at the Seventh Street Rec Center along with our Route 2 delivery list of names and addresses each Friday morning at 10am. The same people are recipients each week.

Tom and Bet Archie are “retiring” after many years of faithful service. If you have any interest in filling their spot, please talk with me or any of the other folks who are part of this ministry.

Sallie Scales scales.sallie@gmail.com
252-944-4842 (Wk. 3)

Cathy & Roy Whichard (Wk. 1)
Jim Skillen (Wk. 2)
Bet & Tom Archie (Wk. 4)*
Lois & Bill McLaughlin (Wk. 5)





*Congratulations to Meredith and
Nishant Patel on the birth of
their daughter and son,
Emersyn Grace and Peyton
Nishant on April 16, 2026.
Grandparents:
Laura and Trip Bliley
Mina and Prakash Patel
Tony and Jennifer Price*



God willing and the People consenting,
The Reverend Sarah Kathleen Fisher
will be ordained and consecrated Bishop in the
one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and
Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina

The Right Reverend Robert Stuart Skirving,
the Standing Committee, and the People of God
of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina
request your prayers and the honor of your presence
on Saturday, the twenty-third of May

Two thousand twenty-six
at ten o'clock in the morning
Riverfront Convention Center
203 South Front Street
New Bern, North Carolina
Light reception to follow

Chief Consecrator:
The Most Reverend Sean W. Rowe,
Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

Clergy: Cassock, Surplice, Red Stole
Bishops: Rochet, Chimere, Tippet

Pot Luck: Please mark your calendar for Thursday
May 28 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish, bring a
friend and come enjoy St. Peter's hospitality and
fellowship with each other. Deeanna Burleson will be
speaking on the Contemplative Center.



Celebrating 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 946-8151)

