

Keynotes

July 2026

Several years ago, the Best Bout Machine, the Cleaner, the greatest professional wrestler of all time, Kenny Omega, won the Men's World Championship in All Elite Wrestling. At this point in his life, Kenny Omega was an international phenomenon, wrestling all over the world, in demand all over the world. He was a superstar in every sense of the word. So, this should have been a moment of celebration, of jubilation, of exuberance. Instead, fans of Kenny Omega had to watch as he cheated to win the richest prize in the sport. He *cheated*. The greatest of all time took the easy way out and found a shortcut to the greatness that had eluded him.

Now, he lost that championship, and he redeemed himself, and he never went back to those cheating ways. He was tempted, though, and he was tempted just last week when he fought again for the AEW Men's World Championship. And there was a moment in the match where he almost cheated in the exact same way he did years ago. But he made the resolute decision to act with honor. That decision was rewarded as he won the World Championship cleanly. No cheating, no shenanigans, no shortcuts. Just putting in the work to grow and getting rewarded for it.

This is a perfect metaphor for the spiritual life, for the Christian life, for the life of a disciple. We can't take shortcuts. We can't take the easy way out. We cannot try to find the softest, easiest way to arrive at the goal set before us, and that goal is nothing short of GLORY! What is demanded of us on the journey towards this greatness, towards this glory, is radical honesty, vulnerability, and the willingness to set our pride and ego aside so that we can truly become superhuman.

That's a theme you've been noticing in sermons lately, talking about the move from being human to superhuman. I don't mean that in the comic book sense. I mean it in a deep, philosophical, existential sense. Something in baptism changed us, made us move into a different state, made us *superhuman*. We are called to live with honor and virtue, living up to the identity that was given to us. Don't be like Kenny Omega years ago, cheating to win. Be like Kenny Omega, the Best Bout Machine, standing on honor. In that way, you can rise above.

Peace,
Chris



***Our condolences are extended to the family & friends of
Athalia Tayloe Cooper***

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



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

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*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

Saint Peter's Clergy & Staff

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Vestry

Inda Hill-Senior Warden

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Mike Behar

Deeanna Burleson

Jay Dixon

Emily Garner

Pat Griffin

Mark Henley

Dave Loope

Ashley Padgett

Bob Puphal-Clerk

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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.

We are working on an online directory with photos. It will only be available to our parishioners. If you would like to be a part of this new directory please send me a photo you would like to use of yourself or your family. You can send the photos to my email ieh53@yahoo.com with subject "Directory" or text them to me at 252-945-6345. Please be sure to include your name(s). If you would like for me to take your photo, just say so, and we will set a time for me to take it at the church on a Sunday.

Thank you all so much! Peace, Inda Hill



Financial Assistance Program: We have been so pleased to be able to help our neighbors coming in for financial assistance with their vision issues. Just a simple pair of reading glasses is such a blessing to our people. All it takes is a little squinting and we are ready with "Do you need glasses?" They are so surprised and grateful that we have the eyeglasses basket. Something so simple can make such a difference in their lives. The supply is getting low and we need to restock it with some new glasses. If you have reading glasses that you no longer need or if you would like to donate new glasses, we would really appreciate it. Glasses can be left in the basket on the side table in the library. Thank you for making it possible for us to help our neighbors!



All members, past and present, are invited to join us.

Our meetings take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month following the 10am service in the Library. Questions?

Contact: Chris Chaffer 252-945-1492



8/1 Liz Cooper, Jimmy Leach, Louis Miller
8/2 Rick Gray, Joe Stringer
8/4 Liv Jones
8/5 Tony Capehart, Lynn Harrington, Franz Holscher, Josue Ramirez
8/6 Seb Barrett
8/7 Stuart Dudley, Avery Napier
8/8 Kenneth Gaudreault, Darin Woods
8/9 Mary Dennis, Ellen Nunnelee, Richard Young
8/10 Keith Hudson, Audrey Miller
8/11 Betty Hinkes
8/12 Santiago Espinoza, Susanne Sanders
8/13 Caulder Edwards
8/14 Stacey Lynch
8/15 Dana Cordova, Mark Henley
8/16 Delores Darden, Esteban Sanches
8/19 Ken Hadley
8/21 Mike McIntyre
8/22 Gwen Bowers
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 Monath, Cordelia Stiles, Cathy Whichard
8/31 Iveth Serrano, Tracy Tuten



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: Casey Allen-friend of Carol & Patrick Nash, Madison & Walker Bailey-friends of Leslie Whitehurst, John Brooks-cousin of Betty Gray, Peggy Daniels & family - relatives of Leslie Whitehurst, John Grimes-friend of Kay Sharpe, Bill Hudson-relative of John Hudson, Stephen Hudson-relative of John Hudson, Diane Igoe-friend of Janet Bradbury, Alice Langley-friend of Betty & Rick Gray, Neely Mallory-friend of Carol & Patrick Nash, Beau Petty-friend of Kay Sharpe, Mike Rocchio-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Mark Ruedrich-borther of Stephanie Williams, Lizzie Simmons-friend of Tommy Moore, Allison Smith-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Monica St. Onge-member, Jennifer Steenbergen-niece of Betty Cochran, Tracy-friend of Leslie Whitehurst, Marjorie Vreeland-friend of Linda Weathersby, Logan Whitehurst-member, Stephanie Williams-member, and all active duty military personnel.

Our annual ART WALK will take place in the churchyard on Sunday, November 1st from 11:00-Noon. Please consider participating in this enjoyable event!! If you are interested in exhibiting or selling your wares, please start working on your “portfolio” now!!!

You have been given early notice!!!



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!





2026 *August* ECW GATHERING

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

*Please join Episcopal Church Women
from across the Diocese of East Carolina
for our annual August Gathering!*

TRINITY CENTER
PINE KNOLL SHORES, NC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

SCHEDULE

- 9:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Information on Outreach
- 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker – **Bishop Sarah Fisher**
- 11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
with **Bishop Fisher**
- 12:30 p.m. Buffet Lunch with
Door Prizes and Gift Bags

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Bishop Sarah Fisher

*"Getting to Know Your Bishop
and Her Vision for Our Diocese."*

Bishop Fisher will also serve as
Celebrant for Holy Eucharist.

COST PER PERSON

\$40.00

Please make your
check payable to:
Diocese of East Carolina ECW

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 1, 2026

When responding, please indicate:

- ☐ Whether you will attend
- ☐ If you will be staying overnight
- ☐ Single or double occupancy
(include your roommate's name if sharing a room)
- ☐ Any food allergies or dietary
restrictions for you or your guest

*Or use the QR code
to register or learn
more.*



MAIL TO:
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QUESTIONS?
Call Debbie Luke at
252-599-6997

*We look forward to
seeing you there!*

Join an Angel Food Team!

Our Angel Food ministry could use a few new members.

This ministry coordinates meal assistance for parishioners who need a little extra help. This is generally one meal for members of the parish who have come home from the hospital, are sick or homebound, have a baby, broken bone, etc. This does not take up much time, as we have lots of teams that rotate and share the tasks!

For more info or to join one of our teams, please reach out to Emily Garner at emilygarner7888@yahoo.com.

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Great Food for a Great Cause

Friday, July 31
4pm - 8pm
Veteran's Park
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Games for Kids
Music & Fun
Meat, Sides, & Drink \$15
Popsicles & Dessert for Sale



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- Food & Nutrition Services
- Rental & Utility Assistance
- Summer Camps & Women's Groups
- Emergency & Disaster Services
- Family Social Services
- Senior Citizen Services
- Crisis & Emergency Shelters
- Homeless Services
- Christmas Gift Program

All proceeds support the Salvation Army of Beaufort, Bertie, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties

Calling all gardeners and general weed pullers! Help is needed with the Chapel Garden. If interested, please contact Mary Kathryn McGahey at 252-531-8000.

