

Keynotes

November 2025



Stewardship season is in full swing. You've received your pledge card and heard from our stewardship chair, Mike Behar. Now, I have the pleasure of calling you to a form of financial discipleship. That wasn't tongue in cheek. I love talking about discipleship and money. Stewardship primarily involves giving money to the church, in this case, St. Peter's, your local church. But that act of giving should also be seen as an act of giving unto Jesus Christ Himself. When you place your money in the plate, set up a monthly payment from your credit card, or send it via traditional mail, you are consciously imitating the nature of Jesus of Nazareth. With humility, you share your abundance to empower others; thus, giving back to the one who gave you life in the first place.

As we seek God's favor through our community's generous giving, let's pray that these resources genuinely help build a better world in Washington. We truly can make every part of this small town more beautiful, safer, more holy, and more life-giving for everyone. St. Peter's alone can do this because we are empowered by the same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. But just imagine how many other churches and organizations around town share the same passion to make this place better and more amazing. Your stewardship joins them and is part of creating a better world for everybody living in Washington and Beaufort County.

Maybe you've never thought about your pledge that way. Perhaps you've never considered how far your dollars and cents can go when you give them to Jesus Christ by pledging at St. Peter's. I challenge you to share with the most generous spirit you have ever shown in your life. I challenge you to give more than you ever have before. I challenge you to reflect on your financial commitments and principles to see if you're doing everything you can to use your resources to make this world more holy and more beautiful. And if you feel called to stretch yourself even more, this is the season to do it. It's the 1-2-3's of Stewardship. So, look for that 12.3% increase option. Be courageous and bold in your giving if you can. We have a lot of good work to do in the community, and every dollar you share and every second you spare saves lives. Truly, we are doing life-saving work. Let's save as many more as we can! -Chris



ECW offers a HUGE thank you to all our cooks and shoppers. We had a very successful soup sale on Sunday, October 19. We sold 91 quarts of soup and raised \$910.00 which will be divided between our Back Pack Buddies ministry and the Church Periodical Club, an organization of the Episcopal Church which provides free theological and educational materials around the world as well as to our seminarians.



2026 Pledge Card Reminder-Please remember to turn in your 2026 Pledge Card to the church office as soon as possible. If for some reason you have not received one or have misplaced it, please contact the church office. Also, 2025 Pledge balances are available by calling or emailing Jennifer. (946-8151 or jennifer@saintpetersnc.org)



CALLING ALL WOMEN!! Registration is now open for the Heart to Heart Women's Conference to be held on Jan 16 and 17 at Harvest Church with Lisa Harper as the guest speaker and Indy Dixon leading worship. It promises to be a weekend of rich teaching and meaningful worship. We hope you can join us for this special event! For more information, go to www.hearttoheartconference.org.

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

Saint Peter's Clergy & Staff

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Jennifer Spivey	Parish Administrator
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Vestry

Judy Van Dorp-Senior Warden

Jason Jacques-Junior Warden & Newcomers

Mike Behar-Stewardship

Joffre Fisher-Pastoral Care

Emily Garner-Communications

Mark Henley

Inda Hill-Worship

Susan Hodges-Clerk & Parish Life

Dave Loope-Community Connections

Ashley Padgett

Howard Smith-Community Building

Lucy Trejo-Spanish Language Liaison



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.

Zion Sack Lunch Ministry – Lunches for Zion patrons may now be delivered to 328 N. Market Street, beside “House of Styles” barber shop. You may park behind it and someone will assist you. A revised list of guidelines is available on the bulletin board beside Jennifer’s office. Thank you for your participation!



USHERS NEEDED



Please prayerfully consider being an usher for Saint Peter’s; a much appreciated and fulfilling calling! Duties include greeting and directing members and visitors, assisting with seating, collecting offerings, and providing assistance to those in need. If this is something that interests you, please contact Hank Van Dorp at (252)214-8141 or email vandorp@suddenlink.net.



If you are interested in becoming a Layreader, please call the church office at 252-946-8151. Your service would be appreciated.



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

Questions?

Contact: Jason Jacques 678-596-5141

Brennan Tolliver 404-602-2417

Chris Chaffer 252-945-1492

1st Friday @ 4pm Riverwalk Coffee Shop

3rd Friday @ 4pm in ASH (Dinner follows)



12/3 Lilly Dudley, Buffa Powell

12/4 Kris Smith, Adelaide Stiles

12/5 Beth Collier

12/7 Joffre Fisher, Mary Wesley Harvey

12/12 Barbara Francisco

12/13 Cindy Cochran, Picott Harrington, John Hudson, Catherine Powell

12/14 Janet Sueiro Rodman

12/15 Charles Phillips

12/16 Maria Tellez Ramirez

12/17 Judy Young

12/18 Nannette Smyre, Dorretta Waite

12/20 Sandy Caroline Arballo, Steve Barnes

12/21 Claire Harrington

12/22 Finn Johnston

12/24 Katherine Mitchell

12/26 Jude Adams, Brad Rawls, IV

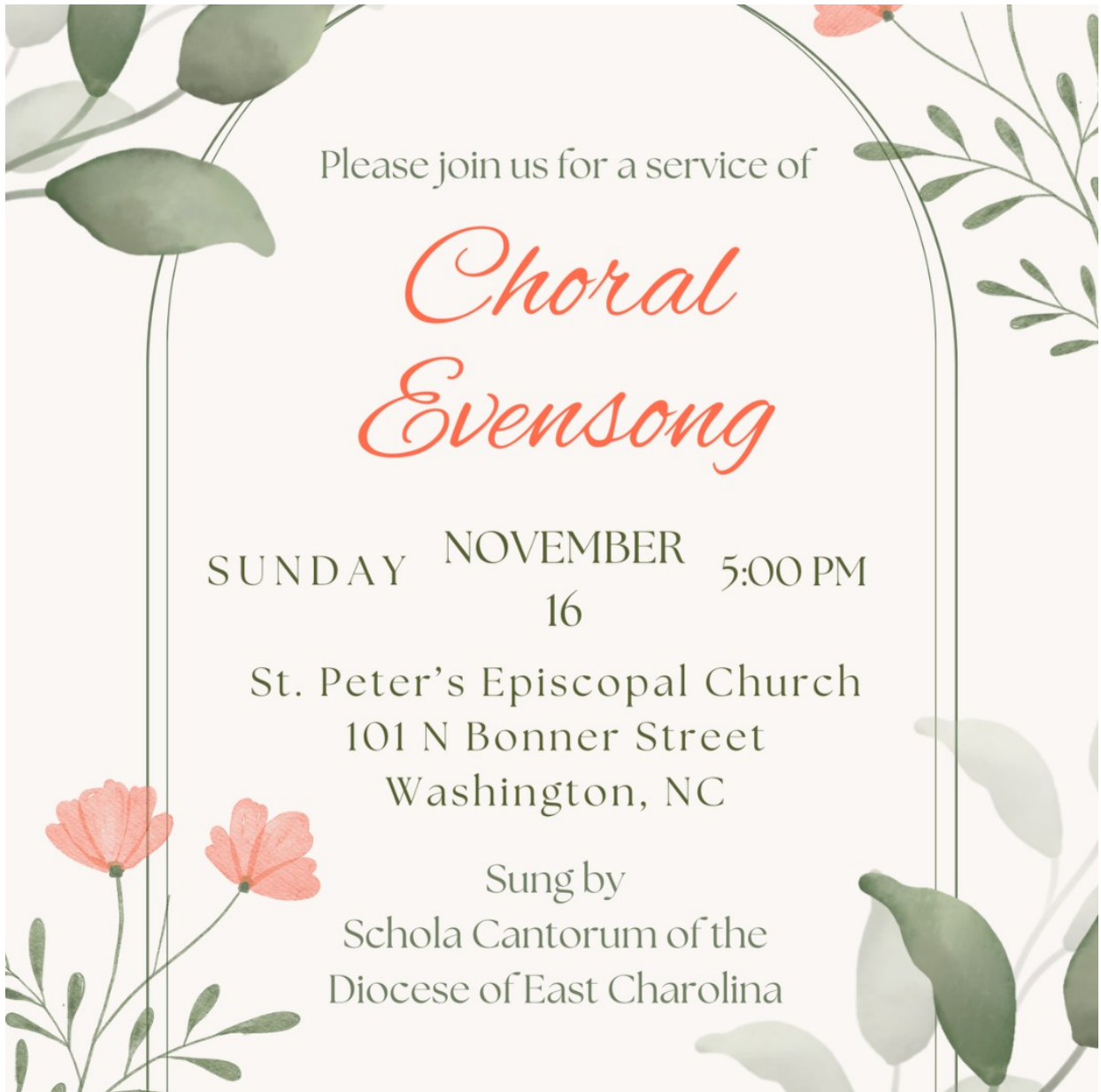
12/27 Grace Bonner, Walker Lynch

12/29 Beth Sloan, Howard Smith

12/30 Jim Pagnani

Toys For Tots Seeking Volunteers

It's that time of year again! Toys for Tots is starting to plan for the big distribution day on Sunday, December 14th. We can use volunteers to help sort toys, bag toys prior and elves to help out on distribution day. Sign up sheet can be found on the Outreach board.





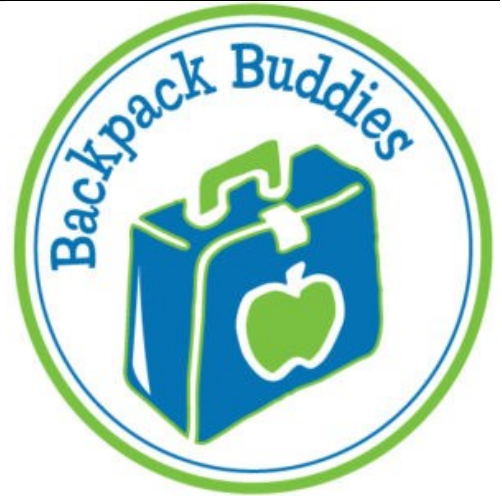
Please Pray For:



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: Marjorie Adams-grandmother of Chris Adams, Manuel Solano Adriano-friend of St. Peter's, Lorrie Basnight-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Lorie Beacham-friend of Katherine Edwards, Charlie Brown-member, Megan Carpenter-granddaughter of Leslie Whitehurst, Peggy Daniels & family-relatives of Leslie Whitehurst, Joffre Fisher-member, JoAnn & Allen Dean Foster-friends of Joffre Fisher, Victoria Gachuz-member, Jane Griffin-member, Inda Hill-member, Timmie Hodges-friend of Fred Holscher, Diane Igoe-friend of Janet Bradbury, David Ingles-member, Lynda Lane-member, Carlos Martinez-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Mina Patel-friend of Laura Bliley, Tom Payne-member, Melanie Peters-niece of Ann Peters, Mark Rocchio-friend of Michelle & Brian Fuller, Scott Seiden-friend 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, Audrey Kelder Wilson-friend of Laura Bliley, Meghan Hylton Woolard-friend of Elizabeth Matthews.

Back Pack Buddies is in full swing! For the past 15 years, SPC has participated in this wonderful ministry. Each school year, nutritious weekend food is delivered to Eastern Elementary to feed approximately 18 needy kindergartners. The teachers see a marked improvement in the children's participation and performance, the additional food helps the families who are struggling to provide for their children, and the children LOVE the food! The parish "teams" enjoy shopping, bagging, and delivering each week so EVERYBODY WINS! If you are interested in helping out, you may make a monetary contribution by dropping off or sending a check payable to SPC (PO Box 985, Washington, NC 2788) with "BPB" on the memo line. Online contributions are also an option. Every penny is appreciated and used to purchase food!



THE SHOWER MINISTRY is serving an average of 4 people each week, and we hope to grow as cooler temperatures arrive! There are a few expenses involved as each guest receives a \$10 laundromat gift card with detergent and a bag of food as they leave. We are also purchasing bathing and cleaning supplies and hygiene products. If you would like to support this ministry with a monetary donation, please make checks payable to St. Peter's with "Shower Ministry" in the memo line. Donations may be placed in the offering plate on Sundays, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889. THANK YOU!





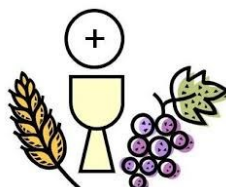
Volunteers are needed to provide Sunday Snacks for our growing Adult Sunday School Class and social time following the 10am service. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the church office if you are interested in helping out. Thank you and please come join us!

Build it and they will come! We are planning to resume nursery services and hoping the little ones will come. The nursery is set up so we now need a volunteer group to care for the children. If you love babies and toddlers, please consider offering to be in the nursery from 10-11 am Sunday mornings. Hoping for once in 6 weeks rotation. Email me if you'd like to join this special ministry – vandorp@suddenlink.net.



Please join the Advent wreath workshop on Sunday, November 30 at 9:00 in ASH. This is a family event hosted by ECW. We will have candles, saucers and oasis and some greenery. Bring some greens from your yard and your clippers. Helen Dixon will provide instructions. Suggested donation for supplies is \$20. Start the Advent season off right. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway so we can get a headcount for materials.

Chris will be celebrating the Eucharist at Cypress Glen on Thursday, December 18th at 11:00 a.m. If you have family or friends there, please invite them to attend.



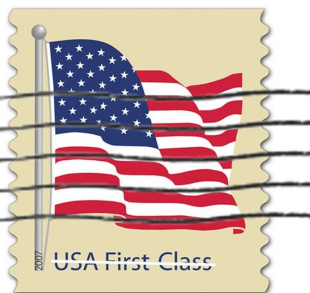


The 9th Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina will be elected at Annual Convention on Saturday, November 15. Please take the time to visit the Diocesan website (<https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org>) to learn more about our 3 candidates. Choose the OUR NINTH BISHOP SEARCH button on the homepage and scroll down to the *Meet and Greet*s section where you will find videos of several question and answer sessions held last week. Both clergy and delegates (Tom Archie, Sarah Ninan, Chris Chaffer, Judy Van Dorp) would love your input regarding this important decision and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



EAGLE'S WINGS

Eagles Wings is presently serving more folks than they EVER have. They are asking SPC (and others) for canned goods to add to their shelves to help with this surplus of needy families. When asked what they especially needed, their response was “Anything, absolutely anything.” A collection bin is available in the church office hallway. Thank you!



The ECW mailed 1,600 stamps to The Alliance Stamp Ministry in October. They had been collected since June 14th. So far this year, we have mailed 3,625 stamps. The Alliance Stamp Ministry has raised \$32,000 through October this year for Sunday School materials in Spanish. Thank you to everyone who supports

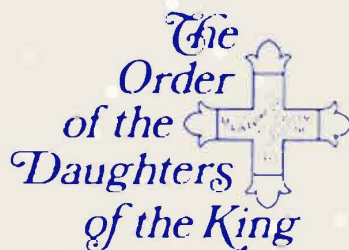
ECW's global outreach. The upcoming holiday season is a great time to join our ministry! Please remember to leave a ¼-1/3 inch border around your stamps. The stamp box is located on the table outside the library.

A DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

6 DEC
9:30- 12:00

**“Embracing
Advent and Christmas”**

Presented by Victoria Brownl



ADVENT

ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

7322 Hwy 264 E
Washington, NC

9:30 Registration

10:00 Program

SNACKS AND BEVERAGES SERVED

**Questions: Susan Tankard
Louise Parker**

**252-943-7778
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It's time for the very popular Christmas Honor Card Program at Saint Peter's! This program provides an opportunity for Saint Peter's members to donate to one or more designated local, non-profit agencies.

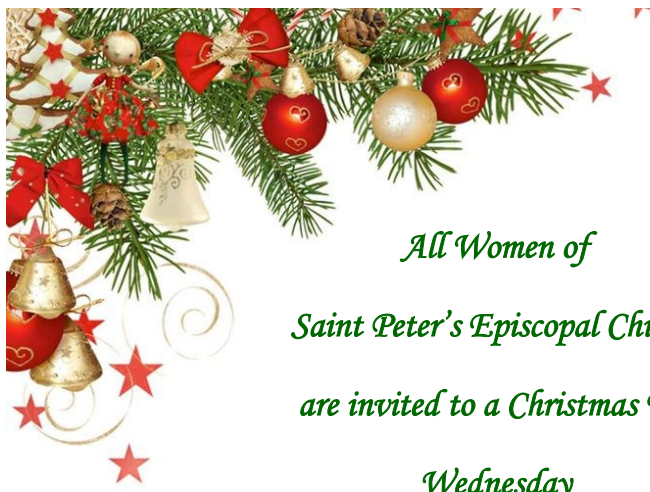
For each minimum donation of \$5.00, participants will receive a beautiful "honor card" featuring the chosen agency, which can be given to family members or friends as a Christmas gift. This is a convenient way to do one-stop Christmas shopping and support needy agencies in our community.

This year, our local agency options are: **Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center, St. Peter's Financial Assistance Program, Back Pack Buddies Program, Eagle's Wings, and Open Door Community Center.** (All cards are available in Spanish upon request.)

Look for The Christmas Honor Card Program table in the atrium on Sundays beginning November 16th! If you want cards on a weekday, just call the church office.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to sell the honor cards on Sundays from 9am-9:45am and 11am-11:45am. Please check the schedule on the bulletin board by the church office. Sign up to help if you can.

Questions? Please contact Emily Garner at 252-933-0289 or emilygarner7888@yahoo.com



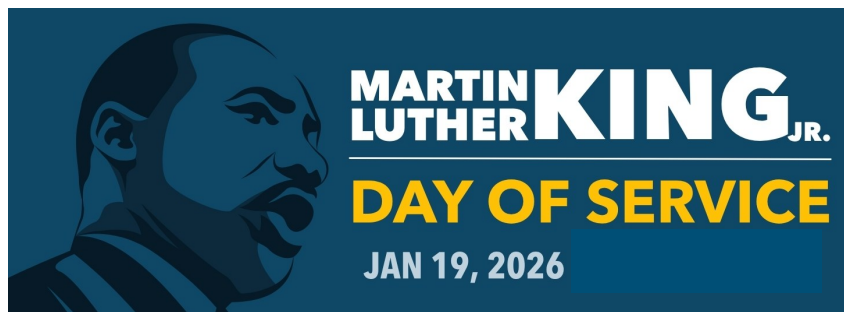
*All Women of
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
are invited to a Christmas Tea*

*Wednesday
the tenth of December
half past ten o'clock in the
morning*

Rena B. Harding Room

Guests are welcome.

Bring your favorite Christmas goodie to share!



2026 MLK Day of Service, hosted by Beaufort County Community College & community partners, will take place at the college on January 19, 2026 from 9:00-11:00am. Between now and **December 16th**, we are privileged to participate in a **DONATION DRIVE**, collecting winter items – toiletries, socks, gloves, hats, and scarves – to bring warmth and comfort to local individuals and families in need. Further information is posted on the church office bulletin board. A bin is in place for your donations. Your participation is a tangible way to honor Dr. King's commitment to serving others and uplifting the community.





St. Peter's Day School

Playground Mulch Fundraiser 🌿

As many of you know, our playground is in dire need of new mulch! Several wonderful people have already offered to help make this happen — not just for our school, but for our sweet little ones. We're hoping to install rubber mulch, which will help reduce mess both in the classrooms and on your children's clothes.

To support this effort, we've set up a fundraising "store" where you can purchase apparel for your littles — and yourself! 🧢 These shirts and crewnecks are perfect for field trips and class outings. All additional proceeds will go directly toward funding the new playground mulch and other future upgrades for our kiddos.

♥ Thank you for helping make our playground a safer and cleaner space for everyone!

Sincerely,

*The Staff & Admin
St. Peter's Day School*

The "store" is open now through
November 16th



<https://stpetersdayschool.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>



Salvation Army Angel Tree Project

Saint Peter's will be partnering with the Salvation Army on the Angel Tree Project again this year. It is a Christmas tradition that many of us look forward to. Shopping and providing for the wishes of a child is very rewarding and guides us into the true spirit of Christmas.

"And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

Our time line is short this year, as we will make our delivery to the Salvation Army at the beginning of December. Soon, the Angel Tree will be up in the atrium and arranged with Angel tags representing the children in need. The tag lists items the child needs and wishes. You are welcome to do as much as you can. However, the Salvation Army suggests two toys and one piece of clothing as the minimum gift.

What to do:

Please pick an Angel from the tree and tear off at the dotted line.

Sign the list with your name, contact information and Angel Tag Number.

All gifts must be new and unwrapped, but you can provide wrapping paper if you wish.

Please attach the Angel tag on the outside of the bag with the gifts, and place it in the box in the Atrium by Monday, December 1st.

Thank you, and we guarantee you will be blessed with joy as you carry out this small mission that will mean a great deal to one child. Please call Katherine Tate (252-943-5396), if you have questions.