



Episcopal Church Women Diocese of East Carolina

June 21, 2016

Dear ECW,

School is out and summer has begun. We are busy planning our vacations and adjusting to hot, humid weather, but do not forget to mark your calendars for our August Gathering at Trinity Center. **All women (and men) are invited!**

Come join us at the Trinity Center on Wednesday, August 17th. We are delighted to have Lisa Towle, the President of the ECW National Board as our speaker. She spoke at the Province IV meeting held recently at Kanuga and shared an excellent message about our ECW, and the direction it's headed, from the national to the parish levels.

Our schedule for the day will be as follows:

9:00	Registration and Pick up new Diocesan ECW Handbooks
9:45	Assembly Begins
11:30	Holy Eucharist
12:30	Lunch

Handbooks for 2016-17 will be distributed during registration.

The cost for refreshments, lunch, and the use of Trinity Center facilities is \$20 per person. Please send checks made out to "ECW Diocese of East Carolina" along with the names of all persons attending to:

Nancy Hamblin, 118 W. 12th Street, Washington, NC 27889
252-940-1999 nmhamblin4@suddenlink.net

This information will be needed **no later than August 1** so that we will have a correct count for Trinity Center to prepare the lunch.

If anyone might be interested taking advantage of what Trinity Center has to offer and stay the evening of August 16th, please contact Trinity Center at (252) 247-5600. We would love to have you join the ECW Board for fellowship at 5:00 and the Board Meeting at 7:00!

The dress is casual. Wear comfortable shoes. You may want to take a walk out to Sander's Point for some quiet time or enjoy a stroll on the beach.

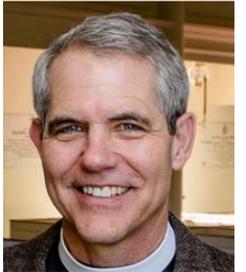
Spread the word, invite your clergy, and bring a friend!

Always,
Nancy Hamblin

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

June 22, 2016



Why I go to Church?

Somebody once asked me why I went to church. This was beside the fact that I was a priest and a Christian. They, too, were Christians, but did not attend services any more. After giving the question some thought my reply was, "One reason I go is because it is the only place in my world or culture where I can gather openly with a large group of people to pray and worship the God I love. During this time I do not have to defend my actions nor explain them to others. It just happens. Church meets a need in my life that nothing else can."

This summer I hope you have a chance to rest and "re-create" a little. Perhaps your church attendance will drop off a bit and, you'll find yourself thinking about God on a Sunday morning by the ocean, on a mountain or some other peaceful place. You might find your Sunday morning driving down a highway or walking along the streets of a large city. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," someone once said. And I hope this will be true for all of us this summer.

Wherever you might be, remember to pray for your brothers and sisters at St. Peter's. Take time to thank God for this beautiful creation, for the summer months and all they bring. Remember the poor and hungry and those who are working, or serving our nation overseas and at home.

And remember, if you are away for an extended time, please keep your pledge current so we can pay the bills here at the church. Thank you so much for your support of God's ministry at St. Peter's. 😊

Faithfully,

Fr. Jim

Vestry Corner by Barbara Grimes

Greetings to all St. Peter's parishioners,

Serving on the Vestry is a great honor, and I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

One of the many topics we have discussed this month is the physical care of the buildings and grounds. As with any home, there is always something going on that needs attention. We have, hopefully, solved the leaking problem in the foyer ceiling for the last time. The northwest interior corner of the church has some staining and will be repaired. Security cameras will be installed throughout the building and grounds, and lights will be replaced in the Sanctuary. A handicapped parking space has been designated just outside the foyer.

Our financial situation is improving and attendance is up at services. Volunteers are needed for Sunday School once a month. We are working to provide funds to cover scholarships to needy children for summer camp.

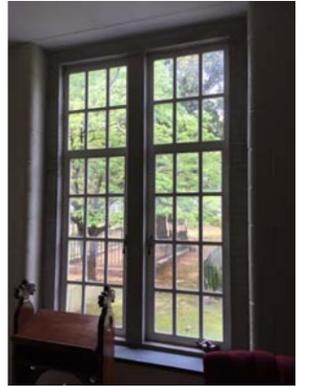
Father Jim is meeting with the Anglo-Latino group to begin discussions about the two congregations. The Spanish congregation is looking forward to confirmation classes in April, a mission trip within our diocese, and a new soundboard for the choir.

A new survey of the church property, which will include All Saints' Hall and other improvements we have made, will be completed. Lemonade and cookies are now being served after the 10:15 AM service in the walkway between our two buildings. Join us on Sundays.

We are installing blinds in Father Jim's office to cut down on the afternoon heat from the southern exposure. If anyone would like to contribute to this in non-budgeted expense, please send a check to Jennifer with office shades for the notation.

As always, your contributions are appreciated.

Swanson Graves, Junior Warden



Help us keep in touch with you!

Please make sure and contact the church office if you have moved, changed your phone number or have a new email address.

Send updated information to jennifer@saintpetersnc.org or call 946-8151.

Thanks from the Red Cross!

Another successful blood drive was hosted by St. Peter's Tuesday in All Saints' Hall. 66 donors arrived to give the "gift of life" including an all-time high of 40 of our members! We collected 56 usable pints of blood which exceeded their goal of 49. Special thanks go to the faithful crew of volunteers who are always complimented for their friendliness and thoughtfulness and project a most positive image of St. Peter's in this community outreach. As with all church events, Jennifer Spivey is indispensable. Come join us next year for this important outreach; volunteer/donate and throughout the year, give blood every 56 days when you are able.

Sallie Scales



Congratulations to Van and Jessica Thompson Orr on the birth of their triplet sons on Easter Day. Proud grandparents are John & Leta Thompson.

Caleb, 3 pounds, 11.8 oz
Dean, 4 pounds, 2.5 oz
Jonathan, 3 pounds, 15.4 oz

Their address is:
Van & Jessica Orr
408 East 31st Street
Bremerton, WA 98310



After a little more than 6 weeks in the NICU, they all came home and continue to do well. At their recent full term appointment, Caleb was 5.5 pounds and the other two just over 6 pounds. Mom and dad are adjusting to the busy lifestyle, and big brother, Evan, is learning to share attention with them. Leta has returned to Washington State to help them for a few weeks and start the grandparent spoiling process! We all thank everyone for your concern and prayers and appreciate continued prayers as daily life changes for all of the Orr Family (and the Thompsons, too).

Church Nursery

We want your family to have a wonderful nursery experience as we partner in your little one's faith development. Our nursery strives to be a place where each child feels safe and parents feel comfortable leaving their precious little ones. Our nursery provider, Tasha Daniels, is an experienced childcare provider who strives to make sure your child's experience will be a positive one. She enjoys children and looks forward to spending time reading books, making crafts, playing and sharing the love of Jesus with them while parents participate in our worship service.

All children ages 4 and under are encouraged to join Tasha on Sundays at 10:15am.



New members of the Altar Guild are always welcome. Teams serve once every 7 weeks and provide important and very needed services to Saint Peter's. Please contact Barbara Grimes at 946-6446 or bgrimes10@suddenlink.net for more information. Thank you.



DeColores! The Cursillo Reunion Group meets on the first and third Tuesdays from 1-2pm in the church library. All are welcome.



Building Loan Balance

As of June 21, 2016, the balance of the building loan was \$156,456.26.



The Lay Eucharistic Ministers remind the parish that if a member is unable to attend services, the gift of communion can be brought to them. To request this ministry, please call the church office. A reminder, also, that if you or a loved one is entering the hospital or nursing home, please let the church office know. Too often it is assumed someone else has called, and the clergy are late to learn of the situation. Too many calls are better than none at all!



Saint Peter's Attic Sale

Hark!...The herald angels say...Saint Peter is cleaning out his celestial attic and he invites you to do the same!

The **ECW** will host **Saint Peter's Attic Sale** October 14-15, 2016, in All Saint's Hall.

Saints and angels of Saint Peter's: please begin to plan what you would like to clean out from your attics and closets to donate to the sale. We welcome former treasures from your home, such as dishes and kitchen items, garden accessories and tools, furniture, rugs, gently used small appliances, artwork, fashion accessories, books, toys, sports items, and bric-a-brac. No clothing or shoes will be accepted, except those for babies up to the age of two.

Get busy! We can hardly wait to see what you find stashed away. Donations will be received the week before the October sale. Details will be provided in September.



Ushers Needed

We are looking for reliable volunteers to join our Usher teams for the 10:15 am services. If you are interested, please contact Ray Heath at 974-0732 or by e-mail at rheath10@suddenlink.net Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Church Attendance

	June 5	June 12	June 19
8 a.m. service	42	40	38
10:15 a.m. service	83	112	108
Spanish language service	40	39	30

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JUNE



June 5 - Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Tyndall, John & Kathleen Tyndall, Taylor Koonce and Zachary & Elizabeth Koonce by the family.

June 12 - Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of family and friends by the Leach family.

June 19-Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Josh & Mary Ann Tayloe, and Leonard and Betty Craver given by Dr. Josh & Carol Tayloe.

June 26-Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Beth Hodges, and Lalla Hodges Sidbury by the family.

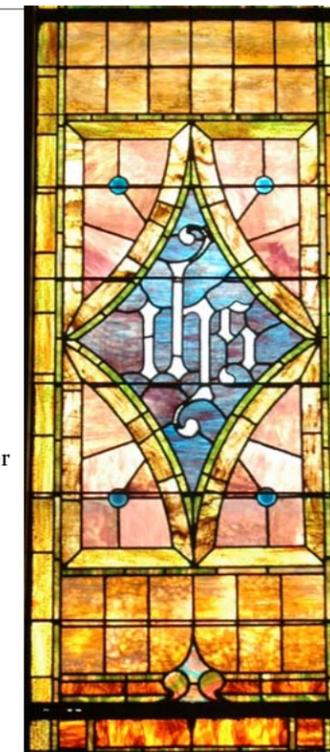
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Lex Mann Treasurer
Jennifer Spivey Parish Administrator
Susie Taylor Day School Director



Vestry Organization

- Tom Archie-Senior Warden
- Swanson Graves-Junior Warden
- Maria Gachuz-Hispanic Ministry
- Barbara Grimes-Worship
- Hodges Hackney-Administration
- Nancy Hamblin-Pastoral Care
- Mark Henley-Outreach
- Emma Holscher-Christian Education
- Marcus Jones-Stewardship
- Patrick Nash-Buildings & Grounds
- Don Stroud-Clerk
- Hank Van Dorp-Parish Life



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: Rev. Danny Allen-Pastor at First United Methodist Church (Washington), Rose Arlin-mother of Roxanne Holloman, Will Armstrong-nephew of Janet Bradbury, Phillips Babcock-brother of Dick Babcock, Alan Bawden-friend of the Marles, Ryan & Fred Beachler-nephews of Michael Beachler, Phil Black-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, Nancy Chaffee-member, Bonnie & Calvin Grooms-friends of Henry & Florette Moore, C.T. Jones-cousin of Leslie Whitehurst, Rev. Lee Kinney-Pastor at First Presbyterian Church (Washington), John Knippel-friend of Betty & Bill Cochran, George Maddrey-father of Trisha Baker, Dr. Jimmy Moore-Pastor at First Baptist Church (Washington), Wanda Morrow-friend of St. Peter's, Jessica Orr & Family-daughter of John & Leta Thompson, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Mark Simmons-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Elaine Stephenson-sister of Tricia Baker, Paul Stevenson-grandson of Dill Lynch, Sis Thornburgh-member, Janet White-cousin of Dill Lynch, Benjamin Harrison Whitehurst-grandson of Bill & Anna Rianhard, Ben Whitford-friend of Mark Henley.

Prayer list requests may be made by completing a prayer card from the pew rack in church or by calling (946-8151) or emailing the church office (jennifer@saintpetersnc.org). Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days.



Our sympathy is extended to Steve and Tamara Clark and family on the death of Steve's mother, Hazelene Clark.

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

Dear St. Peter's Church,



On behalf of the college and the lucky children who will now be able to attend the BCCC College for Kids Camp, I want to thank you for your donation to our scholarship fund. We are delighted that with your support we were able to offer camps that include healthy eating, gardening & exercise. We will share pictures in late August that I know will bring us all joy.

Thank you again, Julie Crippen, Grant Writer, BCCC

Congratulations to the following Washington High School Graduates:

Kylee Clancy, Josh Padgett, William Tate and Carah Williford



Education for Ministry (EFM) Registration is Open for September 2016

EFM is a unique four year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 80,000 participates in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EFM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experience of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

Questions: Contact Diane Furlough phone 757-272-6382 or e-mail d_furlough@yahoo.com.
When: EFM meet on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.

Where: Saint Peters Episcopal Church in the Woolard Room.

Start Date: To be announced

How to Register: Registration forms and payment forms will be located in folder next to the staff and vestry mail boxes.

Cost: 350.00 scholarships sometimes available.

Registration will be open to all Episcopal Church's in the Deanery.

Why you should join EfM by Lynda Lawson

After hearing Ed Hodges talk about how important EfM had been to him and knowing that Ed was an historian, I signed up. Even though I was 71 years old at the time, it seemed that would be worth the time and energy invested and that it would be helpful both in informing me about the church that I had just joined and about the church in general. I was not disappointed.

The first two years are especially rewarding as we study the Old and New Testaments: the history as well as the importance and meaning of those books. Third year is the history of the Christian church and what an incredible history it is! It is utterly amazing that we have a church at all considering the obstacles that have been placed in the path of its development. The fourth year we studied some theology and learned how to apply it to our own everyday lives.

I would heartily recommend that anyone interested in church, religion, or history and their connections to our everyday lives take the course. It is definitely worth it!!!

Reflections on EfM by Paul Keel

EfM is not easy to describe; it's easier to describe what it is not. It is not a Bible study, though the Bible is thoroughly examined and studied. It is not a class in church history or theology, though both are learned about in EfM. It isn't really a class in anything. EfM is an adult learning seminar, designed to equip the people of God (us) for ministry. All baptized Christians are called to ministry, whatever form that may take, and EfM is an excellent preparation for whatever that may be. I will be graduating from EfM this year, having completed four years of seminars, and I can say that EfM does work. I grew up in a Christian home, went to a Christian school and studied the Bible from elementary school until early adulthood, yet I have learned more about holy scripture than ever before in the first two years of EfM. I've also learned much about the history of our faith, and have been exposed to the works of many theologians. The most important thing I've learned from EfM is Theological Reflection, which is a practice used to view anything in theological terms. My descriptions of EfM fall short of what it actually is, but if you are interested in exploring your faith and tradition, preparing to find your ministry or changing your perception of what that might be, EfM can help.

