



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Put Christ back in Christmas!

A new, and exciting Christmas Gift-giving opportunity is coming to Saint Peter's this fall. **The Christmas Alternative Giving Program** is an opportunity for Saint Peter's members to donate to one or more of six local non-profit agencies during the Christmas season.

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 help needy agencies in our community.

Look for **The Christmas Alternative Giving Program** table in the coffee area after services on:

Oct. 2, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Dec 4 and Dec. 11.

Questions: contact Gayle Nadel, Sonia Privette, Maria Gachuz, Amy Brewer, Catherine Partrick, Lynn Harrington, Michael Beachler or Rudy Burns.

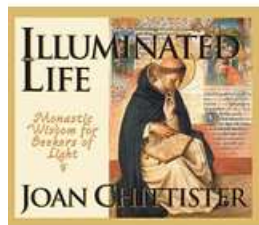
Get a *Spiritual* Life!

Join us for the next Adult Education offering starting Sunday, Sept. 18, to be led by Kathleen Kennedy. This three-part series will focus on the book *Illuminated Life* by Sister Joan Chittister, a Benedictine nun and prolific author.

Sister Joan's book is—literally—the ABC's of developing a spiritual life. She draws on the wisdom of men and women of the 4th and 5th centuries AD who retreated into the deserts of Egypt (and elsewhere) to pursue simple lives of silence, prayer, manual labor, and often heroic feats of self-denial. They were known as the "desert fathers and mothers."

But this doesn't mean we have to live like that in order to have a rich spiritual life today. Sister Joan shows how the spiritual insights of those early fathers and mothers can be applied in accessible--and transforming --ways in our own all-too-busy modern lives.

Also, if you have any interest in teaching Adult Education on Sunday mornings call Diane Furlough at 757-272-6382 or e-mail d_furlough@yahoo.com.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

August 24, 2016



Dear Friends,

I hope that you have had a pleasant summer. I have enjoyed time visiting family in Michigan back in June and traveling to New England to visit friends and explore with my faithful Lab and traveling companion, Boo.



Our Anglo/Hispanic survey will conclude this Sunday (8/28) so if you have not taken it, please do. Your input is very important. Members of the "Bridge" group are tabulating the results. The members of the group are: Maria Gachuz, Celia Chavez, Barbara Walker, Ken Hadley, Ed Hodges, Stephanie Harris, Victoria Gachuz, Manuel Lora, The Rev. Deacon Janet Rodman and myself. We hope to have the results of the tabulating done sometime in September. The results will be posted and available for the congregation for your consideration.

We hope the survey will help us to better understand our relationship together. It might help us to identify where the two congregations are most interested in sharing fellowship and ministry together. Future planning, programing and administration need to be worked on between our two congregations if we are to better serve our community and carry out Christ's mission at St. Peters. I'm hoping that the Bridge will be a meeting place for the exchange of ideas, identification of needs and greater communication between our Anglo/Hispanic congregations can take place.

It is a rare blessing to have two diverse cultures in one congregation. I believe that it increases opportunities for mission and ministry, both here and abroad. There is much that we can learn from each other and the more that we get to know one another, our lives will become richer and fuller. After all, the Kingdom of God consists of all people, and this has been God's plan from the beginning of time.

Please pray for us as we resume our work this September! And please keep praying for St. Peter's.

Faithfully,

Fr. Jim

Priest-in-Charge

Adult Education Survey Results

We had 80 responses from our two Sunday Services. Thanks to everyone for their input. Fifty eight people have attended some Adult Education. Twenty three responded that they often attend. The largest reason for not attending was schedule interference. Outside of Sunday the largest interest was study on weekday mornings. The three top interest responses were as follows: The Gospel in Daily Life (Focus on the Parables), New Testament Studies and Crazy Christians (more on Christians who make a difference by living on the edge). Young adults are interested in having a young adult class and incorporating topics related to parenting and marriage. The early service preferred more contemplative topics such as "Illuminated Life" by Joan Chittister. Special mention was made of classes taught by Bill Bradbury, Eddie Browning, Kevin Johnson, Ed Hodges and Polk Culpepper.

A copy of the master survey will be posted on our bulletin board for those who would like to see more detailed results and comments. If you have any interest in teaching adult classes please contact Diane Furlough d_furlough@yahoo.com or call 757-272-6382.

Saint Peter's ECW was well represented at the Summer Diocesan Meeting at Trinity Center on Wednesday, August 17. Those in attendance were Nancy Hamblin, Diocesan President; Barbara Walker, Pamlico District Chair; Catherine Powell, Bet Archie, Carol Tayloe, Bernice Marle, Verna Motteler, Bev Fawcett, Pam Hodges, Cathy Whichard, Sallie Scales, Lois McLaughlin and Peggy Jones.

The speaker for the day was Lisa Towle, National ECW Board President. She presented an inspiring talk and challenged everyone to be more encouraging and heartwarming in asking other women to become active in ECW. The Rev. Pam Stringer led us in a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Commemoration of Saint Mary the Virgin. A delicious luncheon was served before we headed back to Saint Peter's.



Back Pack Buddies

We will again sponsor children at Eastern Elementary this year; filling back packs to help supplement their diets.

You will be asked for food and monetary donations starting some time in September. Stay tuned!!



Needs at Eagles Wings

This is a call for help at Eagle's Wings. They have been unable to get some needed items from the Food Bank. The Food Bank is short on stock so that makes Eagles Wings short also.

They are in need of the following items:

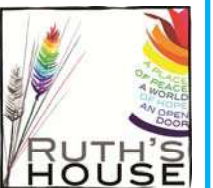
- Jello
- Muffin and cookie mixes
- 15 ounce diced tomatoes or tomato sauce
- Mac and Cheese
- Pastas
- 2 pound bags of All Purpose Flour
- Puddings

Items may be delivered to Eagles Wings, 932 West 3rd Street, Washington. Times are any time on Tuesdays or other week days between 9 and 12 in the morning.



Needs at Ruth's House

Ruth's House has had an extremely full shelter for the last 3 months. The shelter is running dangerously low on paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates) and deodorant. They would appreciate any help you can offer. Donations may be dropped off at the church office. Gift Cards are welcome as well. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to St. Peter's with Ruth's House as the memo. Thank you in advance for your sincerely appreciated support.



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.



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.



Building Loan Balance

As of August 24, 2016, the balance of the building loan was \$154,310.



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!



Anglo/Hispanic Congregation Questionnaire

The Anglo/Hispanic Congregation Questionnaire is available in the narthex of the church or at the church office. Please pick up one, fill it out and return it to the designated box just outside Jennifer's office. You may also access the survey online through the church website at www.saintpetersnc.org or directly at www.surveymonkey.com/r/5SHTBVK.

Fr. Jim

ECW MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14TH

It seems like it was just yesterday that we were all together for our annual covered dish luncheon held at Bet Archie's beautiful home and garden. We are now looking forward to our 2016/2017 meetings the first of which will be held September 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the music room. As we did last year we are starting our programs with our own Father Jim Reed which is a great way to begin a new year of presentations. Also a reminder - please do not forget to search out those items that you would like to donate to the Attic Sale which is set for October 14/15th.

Church Attendance

	August 7	August 14	August 21
8 a.m. service	37	50	42
10:15 a.m. service	88	67	92
Spanish language service	N/A	40	41

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR AUGUST



August 7: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sally Ann & Ace Mann, Frederick Scales, Jr., Kathy White and Kathleen White by the family.

August 14: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn & Sam Mallison, Jr. by the family.

August 21: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James S. Hill, Jr., Inda Paul & James S. Hill and Clarissa Bonner Hill by the family.

August 28: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gerard A. & Muriel G. Roy and Martin P. Roy given by David, Julie, Jennifer & Kati Howdy.

Today's altar flowers are also given in memory of Gertrude B. Nelson and Leonard D. Nelson by their four children.

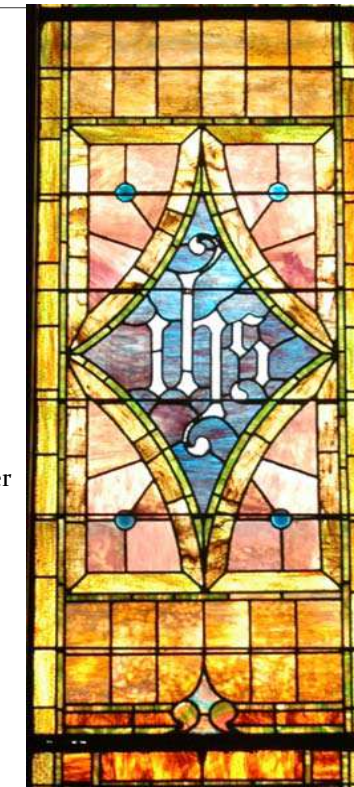
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- Maria Gachuz-Hispanic Ministry
- Barbara Grimes-Worship
- Hodges Hackney-Administration
- Nancy Hamblin-Pastoral Care
- Mark Henley-Outreach
- Emma Holscher-Christian Education
- Marcus Jones-Stewardship
- Patrick Nash-Buildings & Grounds
- Don Stroud-Clerk
- 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—former Pastor at First United Methodist Church (Washington), Peter Archie—brother of Tom Archie, Ryan & Fred Beachler—nephews of Michael Beachler, Ricky Blackburn & Family—friends of Sonia Privette, Conoley Blake & family—members, Kristy Casper—friend of Robin Skillen, Nancy Chaffee—member, Kevin Cutler—friend of Kay Sharpe, Peggy Daniels—daughter of Leslie Whitehurst, Frank Deaner—friend of Frank & Mickie Johnston, C.T. Dixon—grandfather of Jennifer Spivey, George Etheridge—brother of Anna Sizemore, Hodges & Marsha Hackney—members, C.T. Jones—cousin of Leslie Whitehurst, David Jones—member, Wilbo Jones—nephew of Jane Garrett, Rev. Lee Kinney—Pastor at First Presbyterian Church (Washington), George Maddrey—father of Trisha Baker, Manuel Mira—friend of Bill & Betty Cochran, Florette & Henry Moore—members, Ginni Nickell—member, Pat Pate—friend of Ann Peters, Dr. Raeford Pugh—father of Laura Bliley, Barbara Bonner Rasmussen—member, Acra Samuels—daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Carol Sawyer—friend of Leslie Whitehurst, Mark Simmons—nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Paul Stevenson—grandson of Dill Lynch, Diana Tew—friend of Peggy Hudson, Margaret Thompson—mother of John Thompson, Sis Thornburgh—member, Roland Vaughn—friend of Tom Archie, Callie Dawson Wallace—friend of Saint Peter’s, Benjamin Harrison Whitehurst—grandson of Bill & Anna Rianhard, Judy Wiesner—friend of Saint Peter’s, Jean Williams—Mercer—sister of Ginni Nickell.

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 condolences are extended

to the family and friends of Elizabeth “Bee” Morton, member

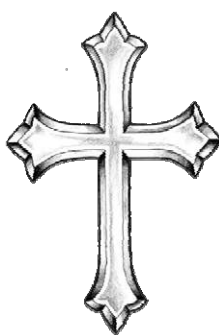
And

to the family and friends of Phillips Babcock, brother of Dick Babcock.

And

to the family and friends of Abby Cameron, sister of Ann Behar.

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



Save the Date!

Parish Picnic Sunday, October 2nd



RESERVE THESE DATES

FOR THE

2016 EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN’S ATTIC SALE!!

The ECW will host **Saint Peter’s Attic Sale** on Friday, October 14th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM and on Saturday, October 15th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, in All Saint’s Hall.

Please help us to make this event a wonderful and profitable experience. Begin now to plan what you would like to clean out from your attics, closets, garages, and storage buildings and donate these treasures. We welcome

donations of the following: dishes and kitchen items, garden accessories and tools, furniture, rugs, gently used small appliances, artwork, fashion accessories, books, toys, sports items and exercise equipment, home décor and bric-a-brac, linens (bed, bath and kitchen), infant and toddler toys and other items, holiday decorations, and collectables.

No clothing or shoes will be accepted, except those for babies up to the age of two.

Get started! We can hardly wait to see what you find stashed away. We will receive donations on Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, on Sunday, October 9th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, and on Monday, October 10th through Thursday, October 13th from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. We will also be accepting donations on Monday night (times to be announced later). No donations will be accepted after Thursday afternoon.

We will be more than happy to give donors receipts if they so desire.

And we need as many Women of St. Peter’s as possible to volunteer. We need help to accept donations, price donations, and to sell all of these wonderful donations. Please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets outside of Jennifer’s office. The Men of St. Peter’s are encouraged to assist us too!!!

If anyone needs a truck for transporting large donated items, please contact Verna Motteler at 946-7670. Any questions or if you need other help, please contact Cathy Whichard 946-6905 or Sonia Privette at 945-6526.