

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

October 14, 2016



For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..."

In so many ways, it seems like only yesterday when I was asked to start leading worship services in Spanish at St. Peter's for a small group of Latino families. A few of these families had been part of San Mateo in Yeatesville, which had closed a couple of years earlier, and they wished to continue their spiritual journey as part of the Episcopal Church. Of course I said "Yes", and after many meetings and discussions, the first Spanish language service at St. Peter's was held in the chapel on Palm Sunday, 2009.

So many wonderful things have taken place in the years since we first came together to worship. Our congregation has grown from "twenty something" to an average of 50 or so every Sunday. When we have our special services, we fill the chapel and the narthex with people standing on the entrance steps. We have an altar guild, lay readers, chalice bearers, and acolytes. In fact, our acolytes and their families have been the largest contingency for the past 3 years at the annual Acolyte Festival, held in Nags Head. Our choir has been asked to play at the Festival the past 2 years!

We have baptized many beautiful babies and children since 2009. On two separate occasions, the baptized were children of parents who had been confirmed as youth at San Mateo. In other words, we are beginning to move into our second generation of Latino Episcopalians here at St. Peter's. Our number of confirmed and received is also growing, with 15 Latino youth and adults confirmed in 2015 alone. Every year I do several Quinceañeras, a celebration for a girl's 15th birthday. These are always lots of fun and great opportunities for newcomers to experience an Episcopal service.

Over the years we have sent dozens of our youth, often with your financial support, to Camp Trinity. That time at camp is always the highlight of the summer for our youth. The congregation held very successful fund raisers for Camp Trinity scholarships, and they are also always quick to organize an event in order to raise funds for a family or group in need.

I believe the one thing that makes our worship Spirit-filled and meaningful is the music provided by our choir. They are an amazing group of volunteers, ages 8 and up, who come together every weekend to practice and provide music that enhances our worship experience. They are an

example of the good things that happen when we allow ourselves to be filled and guided by the Holy Spirit.

I started this little article with a quote from Ecclesiastes, about how there is a season for everything under Heaven. My season as Deacon to the Spanish Language Congregation will come to a close, sometime in January 2017. I have already announced this to my congregation, as well as to our Bishop, my Archdeacons, and The Rev. Jim Reed. I am now sharing this with you, my brothers and sisters in Christ. While this has been a most difficult decision, with lots of second guessing and tears, I believe that the time is right for me to step aside. Our congregation is solid, and has great leadership and many hard workers. I know it can, and I know it will, successfully move forward, continuing to grow in Spirit and numbers in the months and years to come.

The plan now is for our leadership and me to continue meeting with the Bishop and Canon Sonny Browne. We will contribute our ideas for a job description and then the Bishop will begin a search for my replacement. Everyone will be kept informed as ideas become concrete plans.

I give thanks to God for those of you, both at St. Peter's and at the Diocesan level, who have taken to heart our Hispanic Ministry. Your support and encouragement these last 7 years has blessed us immeasurably. Please hold us in your prayers during this time of leaving and transition. As for the future, I'm confident that what is needed will be provided. Our Lord never fails us. La Paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes. *Janet*



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

October 2: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Hallet & Dora Ward, Hallet Ward, Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Ward by the family.

October 9: Today's altar flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Chant & Sallie Bett Cutler, Rae Cutler & Bill & Bernice McLaughlin given by Lois & Bill McLaughlin.

October 16: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kack & Henry Hodges by Katherine H. Hall.

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Hill and Brooks Jeffery by Barbara and Sam Grimes.

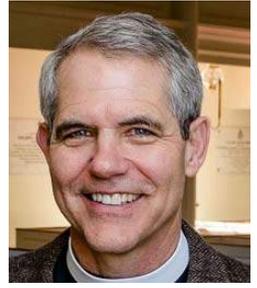
October 23: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Bond & John Lucas, Johnny Lucas, Mary Ann & Joe Archie and Lisa Vaughn by Bet & Tom Archie.

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah & John Campbell, Tommy Campbell, Mary Ann & James V. Larkin, Isaac Woodell, Janet Woodell and Sandra Ruckert by the family.

October 30: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret & George Walker and Marian & Bill King by Barbara & Dewey Walker.

Dear Friends,

This past week has tested the resolve and fortitude of our state and community as hurricane Matthew flooded our rivers, streets and in many cases, our homes. The Diocesan House in Kinston, where Bishop Skirving and his staff works was flooded forcing them to work from home. Fortunately the high winds that accompanied Matthew when it was out to sea did not follow it inland.



As we continue to clean up from the storm let us remember that recovery will take more than a few days. For many in our community and state weeks, months and in some cases perhaps, years will be needed to put life back to normal.

This week I was reminded how important our church is in this community. Our members come from many sectors of our county. Our network and connection to government both state and local, legal, medical as well as educational populations are solid. This means that we can help people stay connected and informed. Your giving of both goods and money are helping those who have nowhere else to turn for help. Please continue to support the Rector's Discretionary Fund, Backpack Buddies, and Eagles Wings. The schools have asked parents to bring canned goods. Needs such as these will continue over the coming months.

A church also provides a place people can go to talk with others. As we gather after such catastrophes the emotional, mental and spiritual support we give each other and those who visit us is a very important part recovery. I am so happy that the ECW continued to collect goods this week for their yard sale. Simply giving members something mundane to do like dropping off "attic treasures" for the sale, helps us to forget about the anxieties and stress the storm produces in our lives. The community will benefit from the sale as well.

Finally, keep praying for our state and neighbors. Come and worship this Sunday and give thanks to God for your blessings. Remember that the cross on our steeple is a visible proclamation of the Gospel to our city and a reminder to us all that Christ has overcome death and has come into our world to save and rescue us from peril.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deut. 31:6

Faithfully,

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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: Peter Archie—brother of Tom Archie, Ryan & Fred Beachler—nephews of Michael Beachler, Mike & Marcia Board—friends of Sonia Privette, Maureen Brancely—friend of Mavis Burns, Kristy Casper—friend of Robin Skillen, Nancy Chaffee—member, Susan Council—friend of Sonia Privette, Martha Davis—sister of Betty Cochran, Hodges & Marsha Hackney—members, C.T. Jones—cousin of Leslie Whitehurst, David Jones—member, Carol Keech—friend of William & Cindy Cochran, Julia Litchfield—member, George Maddrey—father of Trisha Baker, Jay Marle—member, Manuel Mira—friend of Bill & Betty Cochran, Florette & Henry Moore—members, Ginni Nickell—member, Dr. Raeford Pugh—father of Laura Bliley, Ben Reason—friend of Pam Hodges, Jeanne Rutledge and Family—friends of Pam Hodges, Acra Samuels—daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Mark Simmons—nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Betsy Stowell—sister of Aynn Hadley, Linda Strader—mother of Stacey Lynch, Diana Tew—friend of Peggy Hudson, Sis Thornburgh—member, Roland Vaughn—friend of Tom Archie, Avis Wainwright—friend of Pam Hodges, Callie Dawson Wallace—friend of Saint Peter’s, JoAnn Waters—friend of Betty Cochran, Doris Wilder—great-aunt of Sonia Privette, Jean Williams-Mercer—sister of Ginni Nickell, Pat Windley—friend of Pam Hodges.



Our condolences are extended to the family and friends of Willard Litchfield who died recently.

A graveside service will be held

Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 11am at Oakdale.

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

A lovely embroidered Belgian linen credence table cover has been given to Saint Peter’s Church in memory of Jean Duke Trueblood. *May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

ECW MEETING NOVEMBER 2nd

Our October speaker Julia Crippen gave us a very interesting presentation entitled “Follow Me To The Farm”. Our November meeting continues this theme of children in the community and children in the Bible when the speaker will be our own Betty Cochran who is also Saint Peter’s historian. Betty is a very accomplished speaker and we look forward to hearing all about her chosen subject which is “Moses”. We are also happy to announce that after the scheduled meeting Loraine Babcock will run a second “Prayer Bead” workshop. It’s all at 9:30 a.m. on November 2nd, in the choir room.



TAKE NOTICE

This is to Proclaim to the citizens of North Carolina
and to those of the Other Colonies that...



A Grave Marking Ceremony
will be held in Pitt County, NC,
on October 22nd at 11 AM
at the Bellefont Plantation
275 Robersonville Road
Washington, NC

You are invited to Attend!

This ceremony will honor a Patriot of the American Revolution who is buried at the Plantation.

Major Reading Blount (22 Feb 1757 – 12 Oct 1807) was an officer in the Continental Army. After news came of Lexington and Concord in 1776, the North Carolina assembly met in Hillsborough and divided the state into military districts. Reading Blount, who was then nineteen and had as his only previous military experience drilling with the local militia, was commissioned a captain in the Third North Carolina Regiment on 16 Apr. 1776. Captain Blount became a major on 12 May 1778. In June of that year he was transferred to the Fifth North Carolina Continental Line. On 1 Jan. 1781, he was again transferred, this time to the First Continental Line. He served for nearly seven years. At the Battle of Guilford Court House on 15 Mar. 1781, Blount was cited for bravery. Again at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, on 8 Sept. 1781, was recognized by General Nathanael Greene for bravery beyond the call of duty.

General George Washington Chapter NCSSAR of Greenville will be hosting and the Major Reading Blount Chapter NCSDAR, of Washington will be participating in the event.

Vestry Corner by Emma Holscher

What a critical and exciting time we are in the midst of here at St. Peter's!

This is my first year serving on the Vestry at St. Peter's and the commission that I am assigned to is Christian Education.

This commission provides guidance and oversight for the development and implementation of programs for Christian Education and Formation in the parish, including but not limited to Sunday school, Children's Chapel, Lenten programs, and Vacation Bible School. My role as a Vestry member, ideally, is to be a liaison between the Director of Children's and Youth Ministry and other lay members of the Congregation involved with Christian Education and the Vestry.

Earlier this year, a nursery provider was hired to provide care for the infants in the nursery during our Sunday service.

As I indicated earlier, the critical time that I mentioned is that we have not had much in the way of children's Christian Education in the recent past. The longer that goes, the bigger of an impact that has on the future of this parish. The children of St. Peter's are the future of St. Peter's. That is also what makes this such an exciting time at St. Peter's. You can be involved in helping to grow and nurture the future of St. Peter's. There is something out there in Christian Education that everyone can help with. I am so excited to welcome and begin to get to know our new Director of Children's and Youth Ministry, Ann Bustard. If you have met her, then you know that she is full of ideas, experience and optimism for the future of our youth programs. If you have not met her, I suggest that you introduce yourself to her. She is a wonderful person who brings so much to our church. Speak to her and find out how you can help out - whether it is teaching a Sunday School class, helping to clean the education rooms upstairs or just bringing in some old Legos from your house - you can help out.

I already see that our future is growing. Did you see all the children heading out to Children's Chapel last Sunday (October 2nd)? Sunday School programs for the youth are in the works and the hope is that they will begin in the month of October.

Also, in this year, Diane Furlough has conducted a survey of the parish regarding adult education classes. Much feedback was obtained from this and she should be recognized for the work that she has done continuing to keep the adult education classes going. Volunteers are also needed and welcome in this area as well.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you have about this commission.

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Come enjoy a light snack starting Oct. 16th. The Sunday snacks are back and will be available after the 8:00 am worship service. Look for the snacks, coffee and tea in the hallway near the Library entrance. All are welcome to have a bite and enjoy some fellowship.



Feed the Pack success!



Need a baked ziti recipe for 50? Well, Crystal Hardt is your gal. Crystal, Ann Behar, Mike Behar, Rebecca Paul and Emma Holscher prepared a yummy baked ziti meal to serve the Pam Pack JV football team a terrific pregame dinner. Our parish hall was filled with 45 hungry and very appreciative young men. They were welcomed by Father Jim who blessed the food and provided inspirational words following the meal. Father Jim went above and beyond by tossing a football with the guys. Thank you to Father Jim, cooks and servers who helped with this inspiring outreach opportunity to serve our community's youth. Thanks all, Sarah

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.



2017 Vestry Nominations

If you or someone you know is or might be interested in being a candidate for the 2017 vestry, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee by October 31st. The members are: Tom Archie (946-8578), Maria Gachuz (945-0031), Nancy Hamblin (940-1999) and Don Stroud (717-0795). Before nominating someone, please talk with the individual first to make sure they are interested. We begin this process now to allow the nominating committee sufficient time to do their work, and to allow potential candidates more time to prayerfully consider their decision. Thank you!

Role of the Vestry and Vestry Member Job Description

(as adopted by the Vestry of Saint Peter's Parish)

The role of the Vestry is to:

1. Oversee the parish's finances;
2. Take care of the parish's property;
3. Select parish leadership and representation;
4. Ensure that proper records are kept;
5. Determine and set the "vision" for the parish;
6. Give direction to the various committees and organizations of the parish to ensure that the church is collectively working toward the fulfillment of its vision;

Work in mutual ministry with the rector for the care of the people of God who are Saint Peter's Parish and for the betterment of the Kingdom of God through this parish.

The parish Vestry is the leadership of the parish family. It is a most important ministry in the life of any congregation. In order for a parish to exist, there must be a priest and a Vestry to oversee church operations, provide direction, and support the mission and ministry of the parish.

The canons of the Episcopal Church state that members of the Vestry shall be elected by the parish at an annual meeting. Our Vestry at Saint Peter's is comprised of 12 members. Vestry members serve a three-year term and one-third of the Vestry is rotated each year.

The Vestry member is a person who has been called to a special form of Christian ministry. Thus, care should be taken to elect those who are especially gifted for the work of Vestryperson. Vestryperson's are responsible to every member of the parish, not a particular interest group or for a particular issue. Our Vestry is committed to our Lord as the head of the church. Our meetings reflect a sincere desire to discern the direction of the Holy Spirit at Saint Peter's. All of our decisions are based upon this knowledge and desire.

The eligibility requirements for service on the Vestry are as follows. The nominee must be:

1. 16 years of age or older;
2. Be an active member of the Episcopal Church and Saint Peter's Parish;
3. A confirmed communicant in good standing, a regular attendee at the Eucharist;

A contributor of record, actively helping to support the life and ministry of this parish.

Guidelines for the position of Vestryperson at Saint Peter's:

1. The primary responsibility of a Vestryperson in his/her ministry at Saint Peter's is one of prayer for and pastoral care of the community of Christians gathered in this Church;
2. Each Vestryperson will agree to participate actively and regularly at worship services, educational and fellowship activities as well as seasonal and special worship services of the parish;
3. Each Vestryperson will agree to the principles of Christian stewardship which includes sincerely agreeing to and signing for parish publication *The Vestry Agreed Statement on the Tithe* (see below) and supporting the stewardship program of the parish;
4. Each Vestryperson will assume the responsibility for attending all monthly Vestry meetings and planning meetings to include an annual retreat (usually in January) and a spring Visioning workshop;
5. Each Vestryperson will attempt to incorporate members of the parish family as possible to assist them in their endeavors as well as to foster new leaders;
6. Each Vestryperson will understand that much of their work is discernment oriented and will seek to be guided by the Holy Spirit through prayer in regard to decisions before us;
7. Each Vestryperson will be personally aware of the "Duties of the Vestry" as stated in the Constitutions and Canons of the Diocese of East Carolina which includes agreeing to and signing the *Vestry Declaration and Promise* (see below);
8. Each Vestryperson will be personally familiar with the *Sexual Ethics Manual of the Diocese of East Carolina* which includes agreeing as a vestry to abide by this Diocesan Policy;
9. Each Vestryperson will willingly head a vestry commission (see attached), providing support for committees, attend their meetings when appropriate, and serve as their liaison to the vestry;
10. Each vestryperson will make appropriate reports for the Parish Annual Meeting as needed;
11. Each Vestryperson will cooperatively and pleasantly work as a member of the vestry team for the betterment of the whole community of Saint Peter's Parish;

Each Vestryperson will understand that this is a leadership role which potentially entails willingly accepting other roles and responsibilities during their tenure on the vestry as they arise.

Vestry Declaration and Promise

Required by Diocese of East Carolina Canons

Title II, Canon 4, Section 1

Every person chosen as a member of a Vestry of the Diocese shall qualify by subscribing to the following declaration and promise:

"I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do consent to be governed by the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of member of the Vestry of Saint Peter's Parish in Washington according to the best of my ability."

No person shall act or vote as a member of a Vestry until having subscribed to this declaration and promise.

Saint Peter's Vestry Agreed Statement on the Tithe.

"The vestry of Saint Peter's Episcopal Church understands that tithing is the biblical norm and supports the goal of tithing in their own lives."

FALL CHURCHYARD CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, November 5th
9:00 A.M.**



We will be raking, picking up magnolia cones, pulling weeds, and mulching. Bring your own tools. We particularly need tarps, blowers, and a few pickup trucks for trips to the dump. Meet in the Bonner St. driveway. All ages welcome.

For more info call Sallie Scales at 946-9443 or E-mail scales.sallie@gmail.com. Come out and help beautify our historic churchyard.



Parishwide Phone Calls

Recently, we have made more use of our parishwide phone call system! Several phone messages have been sent to all households regarding the cancellation/alteration of scheduled events. If you have not been receiving these messages or you wish for future messages to be sent to another phone number, please email jennifer@saintpetersnc.org or call 946-8151 with the appropriate information. Thank you for your patience as we continue to learn how to use the system.



The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina

The Right Reverend Robert S. Skirving, Bishop

Monday, October 10, 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm writing to each of you in your capacity as the "primary contact" for your congregation, with the desire to touch base with you after Hurricane Matthew. If this letter should be passed to someone else, I would be grateful for you to do so.

As you must know by now, Hurricane Matthew has hit all of eastern North Carolina hard. Some communities have been inconvenienced, while others have been crippled. For some the worst is actually still to come, as storm waters find their way to the ocean through the rivers and waterways of this part of the state. Diocesan House has been flooded. Currently, telephone and internet services are not available there. Some of our staff is unable to get to the office, with roads that are already closed or that will be closing between the office and their homes. Please watch our diocesan website or Facebook page for news of whether Diocesan House is open or closed.

While Diocesan House is closed, and as you clean up after the storm that has passed or prepare for the floods that are still to come, please know that in the case of an emergency, you should feel welcome to email me at rskirving@diocese-eastcarolin.org or to call Canon Sonny Browne at (252) 209-5846 or me at (252) 361-1907. We will do our best to connect you with those who can be most helpful to you in the situations that you face. Jimi Paderick will not be available this week, as she will be away from work for her son's wedding. Otherwise, the package of information she distributed last week is still accurate, with information regarding disaster relief that you might find helpful.

As you move into your own communities to care for those who are suffering the most, please know that the resources of our diocese and the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund can be available to support you. As you partner with others in your community to do the work of housing or feeding the homeless or caring for first responders who are working tirelessly, please direct requests for assistance to my email and we'll respond as quickly and as generously as we're able. I know that our people will give generously in the face of the emerging situations that our communities will face. And we've already received offers of assistance from neighboring dioceses.

We proclaim that "the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) As members of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement, let us get out into our own communities to bear witness to God's love for all people and to our love for our neighbors.

In Christ,

Robert S. Skirving

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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.

United Thank Offering Sunday Is November 20

If you have not already done so, please pick up a UTO Blue Box from one of the tables in the church and begin dropping coins in it as you express thanks for life's blessings.

The United Thank Offering is a personal and family ministry that offers prayers and gifts of thanksgiving. Our individual offerings are combined with those of other parishes and dioceses to provide grants which support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the church throughout the world—and sometimes right here in Washington.

So keep dropping coins and bills into your blue box and bring your box or envelope to the altar at Saint Peter's on Sunday, November 20. It is a good thing to give thanks!

Betty Cochran

UTO Chair





At the September 20 ECW District Meeting in Farmville, Gayle Nadel presented a program on Alternative Giving at Saint Peter's. Barbara Walker, Pamlico District Chair, conducted the meeting which was attended by eight women from

October ECW Meeting

Julia Crippen, a grant writer and Special Projects Coordinator at BCCC, presented the program at the October ECW Meeting. She shared an inspiring pictorial talk about the Follow Me to the Farm Camp that we helped fund. Everyone was ready to sign on for the farming, exercise, nutrition, preservation, and fellowship camp at the end of the program. We felt great knowing that we had helped disadvantaged children of Beaufort County have this summer experience. Julia is a sister ECW member at



Recruitment for Sunday School Teachers

This is an invitation for you to sign up to be a Sunday School teacher! Do you remember the names of particular teachers who made a lasting impression on you as a child/teen? We want our younger parishioners to experience these special people in their lives, too. Showing your love and support is a wonderful way for you to serve God. Please give me a call (946-8151) or email me (ann@saintpetersnc.org) if you would be willing to join the team.



Does the altar seem far away? Is it difficult for you to see the flowers on the altar clearly? Is it difficult to see the expression on Father Jim's face while he is preaching? If you answered yes to any of these questions, don't fret! You're not going blind...you are just sitting too far back in the church. The good news is that I have reserved some seating just for YOU right down front in the choir! Without a doubt, they're the best seats in the house. You always have a seat saved for you. You can see everything that goes on and you get to go to communion ahead of the crowd! Now, if this hasn't convinced you to join the choir I don't know what it will take! You are also provided clothing so you don't have to worry about what to wear. You are also ahead of the crowd leaving the service so you can be the first to the coffee pot or the first to go home....still not convinced that choir is for you? Well, just come join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening in the choir room. We not only need you - we want you! Let this be the year you become part of the music ministry of the church. *Doug*





A CALL TO LOVE

We are having two stewardship breakfast events coming up in
All Saints' Hall.

1) October 23rd 9am-10am

Open to all but information geared towards those
over 55 years old

2) October 30th 9am-10am

Open to all but information geared towards those
under 55 years old

**Please plan to attend at least one of these events to learn
more about the *HOW* and the *WHY* of being a good
steward for Christ.**

Please RSVP to the event you will attend.

Call or email Jennifer Spivey at

jennifer@saintpetersnc.org or 946-8151

1 Peter 4:10 *“As each has received a gift, use it to
serve one another, as good stewards of God’s
varied grace.”*

ECW Stewardship Prayer

Father, I know that I can help in the needs of my parish, Your church. I am having trouble deciding how and where to serve You. I want to help, but the immediate needs of my family and job seem to be ever more demanding. Please help me search myself. Please help me take a good look at what I can do, both in my personal life and through Your church. Help me to steward Your gifts wisely, to cherish them lovingly, to tend to them responsibly, and to share them willingly with those in need. And most importantly Lord, help me to be that steward in a helpful way knowing that whatever I do for the least of your people, I do for you. All caring, all loving and almighty God, I pray that You will bring me to a fulfilment of good stewardship through your grace and direction. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.



Transition Team Event: Connections

with Special Guest

*The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving,
Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina*

Our next Transition Event is “Connections”. Have you ever wondered how our church is connected to the diocese, to the national church and to the worldwide Anglican Communion? If so, please join us as we host Bishop Skirving. He will discuss these issues and others on October 19th at 6:00 p.m. in All Saints’ Hall.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 p.m. and the program will run until 7:30 p.m.

- ◆ Seating is first come, first serve
- ◆ Sit with your favorite parishioners
- ◆ Babysitting will be provided
- ◆ Sign up sheets will be available following both services on Sunday or email Jennifer at jennifer@saintpetersnc.org.

The Bishop will field 5 questions from the congregation that will be pre-determined by the Transition Team. If you would like to submit a question for consideration, please email or deliver it to Jennifer by October 14th at noon.



Building Loan Balance

As of October 12, 2016, the balance of the building loan was 152,402.62.

Outreach Opportunities

1) Bright Futures



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our P.S. Jones/Bright Futures campaign for back to school supplies. The teachers and counselors are very appreciative and report the new needs are for **tissues and Clorox wipes**. Please place contributions in the box by Jennifer's Office.

Career Day at P.S. Jones is **November 18th**, and we are seeking folks interested in presenting on their career. St. Peter's will also be **servicing breakfast and lunch for 60 volunteers**. Please contact Sarah Ninan if you can help. (sarahgninan@gmail.com, 252-721-0112).

2) Zion Shelter & Soup Kitchen

We need a volunteer to serve on the board.



3) Angel Tree Coordinator



Would you like to help with Holiday Planning? We have a job for you! We are seeking an Angel Tree Coordinator to work with the Salvation Army providing gifts for their Angels. Great rewards and lots of fun!

4) Have a great idea for Outreach? Please contact:

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