

Keynotes

January 13, 2017



Musically Speaking

Christmas was absolutely wonderful from a musical point of view. We were blessed by a number of very talented people. Our Senior Choir was great as always for Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve. The 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve was delighted to hear Miss Liv Jones play two selections on the organ and then sing "O Holy Night." Then we were blessed to hear Anna Reed and Katie Nash. Anna sang and Katie played guitar and sang. It was truly a GREAT experience and a hearty thanks to all who helped make the services so special.



My goal for this year is to have a children's choir up and running by the first Wednesday of Lent, March 8th. I will need the willingness of children as well as the support of parents to make this happen. I know that a children's choir will be a blessing to our parish as well as a positive musical experience for our children. I will be sending out letters to the appropriate age group very soon, and I will be writing more about this in our next issue. For now, please pray daily for the music ministry of Saint Peter's Church. I also ask you to consider becoming a part of our music program or at least encouraging someone you know to take part. Again, THANK YOU to all who helped make Christmas so special at Saint Peter's.

Doug



Parish Suppers Return!

The time of year is right! Things have slowed down a bit after the holidays. The Saints' Cooks are ready to get in the kitchen. So let's get together to enjoy food and one another.

The first supper will be served on Wednesday, January 18 in All Saints' Hall at 6:00. On the menu for this meal is oven fried chicken and delicious sides with dessert. For the adults there will be a wine tasting at 5:30 before dinner is served. Come early if you choose.

Come on out and take advantage of not having to cook on the 18th. If you need a ride, please call Cathy at 946-6905. We don't want you to miss out.

Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board or call or email the church office (946-8151 or jennifer@saintpetersnc.org). We need to know how many chickens to pluck! See you there.

Church Attendance

Dec. 18: 8:00/37 10:15/ 133 Chapel/40
 Dec. 24 4:00/ 241 8:30/80 Chapel/no service
 Dec. 25 10:00/40
 Jan. 1 10/00/98

Building Loan Balance



As of January 10, 2017, the balance of the building loan was \$141,403.78.

2017 Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting

The Pamlico Deanery will hold its annual Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting on Sunday, January 22nd at 3:00 p.m. here at St. Peter's in All Saints' Hall.



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Cursillo Reunion Group



Starting January 17th, The Cursillo Reunion Group will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Woolard Meeting Room. All who have attended Cursillo are welcome! Contact Aynn Hadley (946-7282) for more information.

ECW Meeting on February 1, 2017 at 9:30a.m. in the Music Room

In February we will welcome two speakers who are social workers and are very involved with children which continues our current theme of children in the Bible and Community. Lisa Gibbs Lee will talk to us about Foster Care and Laurel Miller will

follow with Child Protective Services. Both ladies are experts in their chosen fields; so, let's have a good attendance and give them a warm St. Peter's



*Mac Skillen will be playing his trumpet at the 10:15 service on a regular basis beginning this Sunday, January 15th.
What a treat! Thank you, Mac!*



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.

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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: Tom Causby–friend of Ann Peters, Nancy Chaffee–member, Courtenay Rianhard Chavez–daughter of Bill & Anna Rianhard, The Durant Family–relatives of Sonia Armstrong, Megan Goedeck–relative of Betty Jarvis, Ann Hill–member, Carol Keech–friend of Cindy & William Cochran, Sarah Thompson Kelley–daughter of John & Leta Thompson, Cyndi Kvalevog–friend of Cindy & William Cochran & aunt of Samantha Baldree, Julia Litchfield–member, Jay Marle–member, Ginni Nickell–member, Stephen Palmer–son of Mary Dennis, Jimmy Peaks–friend of Crane & Kathleen Couch, Betty Perez–friend of John & Leta Thompson, Tania Rossi–daughter of Barbara & Reg Smith, Barbara Rumley–friend of Leslie Whitehurst, Jeanne Rutledge and Family–friends of Pam Hodges, Acra Samuels–daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Warren Smith–son of Reg & Barbara Smith, Griffin Thomas Springer–friend of Lois McLaughlin, Betsy Stowell–sister of Aynn Hadley, Linda Strader–mother of Stacey Lynch, Krista Sutton–friend of Leslie Whitehurst, Paul Thompson–friend of St. Peter’s, Paul Wesley Thompson –brother of Randy Thompson, Sis Thornburgh–member, Harry Walker–brother of Dill Lynch.

Our condolences are extended to the family and friends of Julia Litchfield who died January 7, 2017. A graveside service will be held Friday, January 13, 2017 at 11am at Oakdale.



Our sympathy is also extended to Bettye Christian on the death of her brother, Bob Goforth.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

January 1: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Sue & Swanson Graves by their family.



January 8: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dena Angel & John Gray Blount, Leonora Blount & James Kelly, Joan & Jim Lowry and Jimmie Lowry by the family.

January 15: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of family and friends by Beth Sloan.

January 22: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Thompson Dumont Litchfield, Elizabeth Bowers Litchfield, Lucy & Frank Bowers, Grey & Jarl Bowers, Tennys & Charlie Bowers, Lt. Col. John Litchfield, Mary Litchfield, and Betty & Ford Little by the family and also given in loving memory of Richard E. Phelan by his family.

January 29: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones by Dr. & Mrs. Neal Partrick.



STOP HUNGER NOW

Frequently Asked Questions about Saint Peter's Polar Challenge

What is the Polar Challenge? This is our major fundraiser for the Stop Hunger Now food packing event we do each spring. This will be our 3rd plunge.

How does it work? “Jumpers” jump off a pier into the Pamlico river. Hopefully it is a very chilly day. They find friends and family to sponsor them, with a goal of raising \$100 each. Last year we raised over \$2,500 with this event and had 18 jumpers.

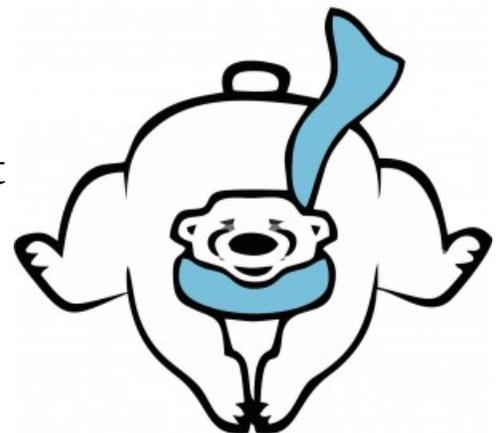
How can I participate? If you would like to take the plunge, sign up on the sign-up sheets in the church hallway and start asking for donations. Come to John and Katherine Tate's house on Short Drive at 3:30 on Saturday, February 4th. Jump in the river. We'll have a fire, some chowder and a warm place for you to dry off and change clothes.

What if my cardiologist won't let me jump? Find a jumper and give them \$10. Also, come on out on February 4th to join in the fun, support the jumpers, and have a cup of chowder.

Do I have to know how to swim in order to jump? Nope, the water is only about 5 ft deep where we jump and there is a ladder to easily get back on shore.

Who do I call if I need more information?

Judy VanDorp at 356-5419.





A Message from Outreach

Once the summer heat subsided and Sunday school started
The lull at Saint Peter's quickly departed.

The transition team kept racing just like a horse
To keep us moving forward; to keep us on course.
Our opinions and wishes they dove into deep
To determine Father Jim would be the Rector we would keep.

A hurricane landed throughout the Southeast.
St. Peter's was generous to the very least.
Money came in to help folks rebuild.
Coats filled the hallway in boxes that spilled.
The work will continue in the months that are ahead
By the Diocese and Bishop we all will be led.

If this weren't enough to keep a church busy,
The women had a huge sale that could make us all dizzy.
The proceeds they share both at home and far-wide
If there's a need they can find it...there is no place to hide!

The fall was "special" as the sanctuary filled with mold
Just how to clean it away by Swanson we were told.
Many gloved souls showed up to reclaim our church space.
The prayer books and hymnals joined in the race.

So many outreach needs we have met.
This year may have proven to be the best yet.
Supplies to P.S. Jones Middle school you generously shared.
The teachers and students know St. Peter's cared.

The Christmas season came and oh, what a delight!
Nursing homes, Salvation Army, Mental Health Association and more know that
Our lights can shine bright.
Toys for Tots ran with Mary Parker in charge.
Parishioners helped out with their hearts feeling large.

But just when you thought you might get a break
There are church groups at work who advantage will take.
You know who we mean, you may know the jig.
The POLAR BEAR plungers are coming back BIG!
Judy will check for the coldest day in the Almanac.
The date she'll announce with her plan of attack.

So plan to get ready; plan to join in
As we celebrate our church lives at St. Peter's again.



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

Put Christ back in Christmas!

The Alternative Christmas Giving Program was a huge success. Thank you!

Riley's Army-\$565

Community Home Care & Hospice-\$325

Metropolitan Agape Clinic-\$525

Trinity Center-\$435

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children-\$380

Zion Shelter-\$780

Grand Total-\$3,010



The Open Door Community Women's Homeless Shelter here in Washington received \$4,780.26 from St. Peter's as a result of the very generous Christmas Offering collected. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S
COMMUNITY
SHELTERS**

Youth Confirmation Class

Youth Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, January 29 at 9:00am upstairs in the Rena B Harding Room. The class will run for six Sundays. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the Church office or call 946-8151 and let Jennifer know if your child will be attending.. Please sign up by January 15th.

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The Sunday snacks are back and are 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 bite and enjoy some fellowship. If you are interested in providing the snacks, please sign up on the bulletin board.

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Heart to Heart Women's Conference with Lisa Harper

Join us for a weekend of laughter, fun, and incredible teaching with women throughout eastern NC at the 2017 Heart to Heart Women's Conference with Lisa Harper and Laura Cooksey [on January 27 and 28](#). Registration information can be found at: www.hearttoheartconference.org. You don't want to miss this incredible opportunity to fellowship with other women and grow in your faith!



Calling All Eucharist Visitors

If you are taking communion to a parishioner and have been trained as Eucharist Visitor, then we have just the ticket for you. Deacon Katherine Mitchell will lead an interactive refresher course on Friday, February 10 from 9 AM to noon. Serving as a Eucharistic Visitor is a ministry requiring specialized skills in pastoral care. This brief course will provide you with the necessary tools that will make your visits even more successful and meaningful to you and the parishioner. Please sign-up or contact Katherine at 252-623-1411 to let her know you will be attending.



Save the Date! You're invited to a party. On Sunday, January 29, at 11:30 am, members of St. Peter's and invited guests will have the opportunity to express their thanks to The Rev. Deacon Janet Sueiro Rodman for the work she has done serving the Hispanic community at St. Peter's, and before that at San Mateo. To recognize her many years of service, a reception honoring Deacon Janet will be hosted by both the Anglo and Hispanic congregations. Please plan to attend.

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your gifts to the Christmas purse. Each year we are reminded of the incredibly generous spirit of Saint Peter's. It is an honor to be able to serve Our Lord with you. New Years blessings to you.

Fr. Jim, Katherine, Janet, Doug, Ann, Jennifer, Vincent and Tasha





CALLING ALL YOUTH and THEIR PARENTS (7th through 12th grade)

Please join us for lunch on Sunday, January 22nd at 11:30 a.m. in All Saints' Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service. Our purpose is to identify the needs and wishes of both groups so that we may better plan for and serve our youth. We will eat lunch from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and then engage in some pertinent activities and discussion between noon and 1:00 p.m.

Emily Gowdy Canady, Officer of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of East Carolina will be our facilitator and special guest for this gathering. Emily will involve us in some activities and discussion, as well as informing us about all the activities in our diocese open to all youth.

Please feel free to ask any questions that you may have concerning Youth Ministry.

Please mark January 22nd on your calendars and come be a part of this important discussion which affects us all. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Your presence will be our gift!