

Youth Prayer Breakfast

March 5-10 @ Shrine Club

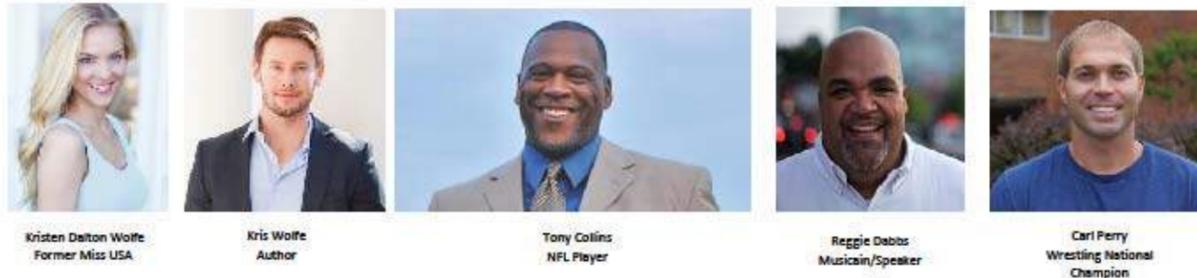
Free Breakfast

Celebrity Christian Speakers

6:30am Middle School 7:30am High School

www.youthprayerbreakfast.com youthprayer1 on instagram,vine,twitter

Evening Events on Sunday & Thursday too! Check website for details.



Our Vestry at work during their annual retreat!



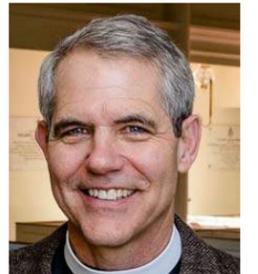
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

February 15, 2017



Grace upon Grace



Dear Friends,

I've chosen "Grace upon Grace" as the title for my monthly column in Keynotes. It comes from the prologue of John's Gospel where he speaks about Jesus coming into the world as the Word, the Light of God who became flesh "full of grace and truth". John says, "From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace" (John 1: 16). I find this a wonderful thought! It means that the grace or love of God to us and the world never runs out, never stops. God's unconditional love is ever flowing and never exhausted, every experience of God's grace is followed by another one. Being thus the state of our lives, it seems to me that we should never forget this, but always try to remember it and live our lives in the context of it. So what I hope is everything that I might write here, or say, or do elsewhere, as your new Rector, be grounded in God's grace.

My last year and a half as your Priest-in-Charge included a time of helping you to reflect on the past, evaluate the present and identify areas of ministry and mission that you value for your future. The Transition Team has written an excellent summary of the events and information gathered over that period. Their time has concluded, and the Team members will move on to serve our church in other areas where they feel called. The "Recommendations" section of the report is offered to the congregation for consideration as a starting point to bring into reality those things, which you identified, for future ministry. My hope is that we will put together an inclusive leadership team to help us prioritize and strategize some goals and objectives to accomplish our values. It would be to our advantage to have the team in place before June of this year.

As Rector I will continue to provide spiritual, pastoral, liturgical and administrative leadership. I will also continue to share this leadership and work with you, knowing that accomplishing our desired future will depend upon each one of us working together and doing our part.

The work of God's Kingdom is never easy and never without challenge. This is why, I believe, it is of primary importance for us to never forget that God's grace is required for God's work. And, God is faithful and will provide all the grace we need to do it.

Now may the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

In God's Love,

Fr. Jim+

Ash Wednesday Services, March 1st

7 am in the chapel with Holy Eucharist

12 Noon in the chapel with Holy Eucharist

7 pm (Spanish) in the chapel



Why We Have Blue Boxes

Do you have a United Thank Offering blue box in your home? The blue box is a daily reminder to give thanks for God's blessings on us. If you have not discovered the joy of practicing thankfulness for God's blessings by dropping a coin or a bill into your blue box, let me invite you to get a blue box and start remembering how many things you have to be thankful for in your life.

Twice each year, the women of ECW conduct an "ingathering" of the contents of the blue boxes. This year our spring ingathering will be held in May. So please get your blue box, put money in it as thanks for daily blessings, and bring your thank offering to the altar in May.

Blue boxes can be found on tables in the hallways and in the narthex.

Join me in finding the joy that comes from practicing thankfulness.

Betty Cochran



Church Attendance

January 15:	8:00/48	10:15/125	Chapel/55
January 22:	8:00/41	10:15/139	Chapel/46
January 29:	8:00/47	10:15/135	Chapel/70
February 5:	8:00/54	10:15/112	Chapel/62
February 12:	8:00/48	10:15/120	Chapel/NA

Building Loan Balance



As of February 13, 2017
the balance of the
building loan was
\$138,931.47.



Cursillo Reunion Group

The Cursillo Reunion Group meets 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.

Please mark your calendars and save the day

LENTEN QUIET DAY

Meditations led by The Rev. Donna Kraus, Episcopal-Lutheran
Campus Pastor, leader of "The Well"

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Zion Episcopal Church
Washington, NC

(Hwy. 264 East, 1 mile east of Beaufort County Community College)

Registration at 9:30 a.m. – Day begins at 10 and ends by 2:00 p.m.

- ❖ Snacks and a light lunch provided
- ❖ Dress casually, bring a Bible, note pad and pen/pencil

Sponsored by The Sue DuVal Daughters of the Pamlico Chapter
The Order of the Daughters of the King

For more information please contact Carolyn Lewis, Chapter President at 252-946-1673

One of the Transition Team's recommendations, made from your input, was to re-create the Newcomers and Greeters Ministries. With that goal in mind, Julie Howdy and I invite you to help make this happen. If you feel called to welcome new folks to Saint Peter's family, please call or email Julie at 944-6321 or jhowdy@suddenlink.net or Nancy Hamblin at 940-1999 or nmhamblin4@suddenlink.net. We will set up a meeting time that will work for you. So, please consider being a part of this ministry and think of ways that you would welcome new folks. With God's help we can share His love and welcome the people He sends through our doors!

Peace, Julie Howdy, Pastoral Care & Nancy Hamblin





Wow! St. Peter's did it again, in a big way. You raised over \$3500 at the Polar Challenge fundraising event! A big thank you to the jumpers, the cookers, those of you who donated, and those of you who came out to cheer us on. A good time was had by all! The food packing event is scheduled for April 8th, mark your calendars today. We have \$1500 more to raise, so look for opportunities to give!



ECW MEETING ON MARCH FIRST AT 9:30 A.M.

We are happy to announce that our speaker for March will be Sally Love. Sally is recognized throughout Beaufort County for being especially active in helping people in need. She will speak to us about the Open Door Community Services Women's Homeless Shelter which is right here in Washington. Please join us on March 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room and give Sally a warm Saint Peter's welcome.



Join us for breakfast and fellowship at 9:00 am Sunday February 26th in All Saints' Hall. Sign-up on the bulletin board, call the church office (946-8151) or email jennifer@saintpetersnc.org so we will know you are coming!



Saint Peter's Clergy & Staff

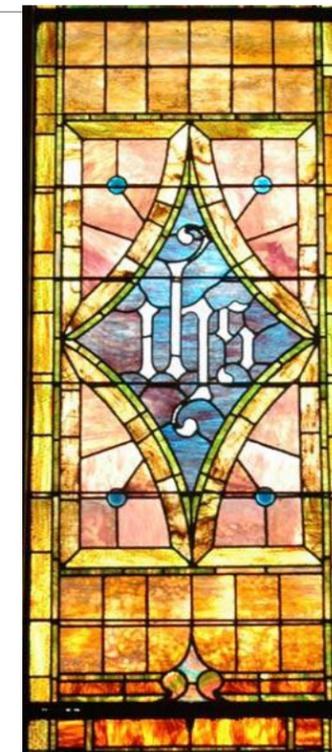
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- Marcus Jones-Senior Warden
- Patrick Nash-Junior Warden
- Mark Henley-English/Hispanic Ministries
- Barbara Grimes-Worship
- Hodges Hackney-Administration
- Julie Howdy-Pastoral Care
- Sarah Ninan-Outreach
- Emma Holscher-Christian Education
- Swanson Graves-Stewardship
- Picott Harrington-Buildings & Grounds
- Bonita Arvizu-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: Lois Burger-member, Tom Causby-friend of Ann Peters, Nancy Chaffee-member, Courtenay Rianhard Chavez-daughter of Bill & Anna Rianhard, Diane & Christopher Coad-friends of Gayle Nadel, Ryal Cox-friend of Samantha Baldree, Stuart Dudley, Sr.-member, Lorrie Duke-friend of Kathie Kriss, Lydia Ellis-friend of Sonia Privette, Aubrey & Myra Gibbs-friends of Sonia Privette, Carrow Elliott Glade-granddaughter of Fred & Sallie Scales, Megan Goedeck-relative of Betty Jarvis, Senator Kay Hagan-friend of Gayle Nadel, Pauline Hudson-grandmother of Mack & Hannah Hudson, Carol Keech-friend of Cindy & William Cochran, Cyndi Kvalevog-friend of Cindy & William Cochran & aunt of Samantha Baldree, Mike Levesque-friend of Kathie Kriss, Catherine Liles-mother of Mary Parker Liles, Jay Marle-member, Ginni Nickell-member, Stephen Palmer-son of Mary Dennis, Jimmy Pendergast-son of Kathy Kriss, Hilda Privette-mother of Sonia Privette, Bill Propst-father of Elizabeth Propst, Barbara Rumley-friend of Leslie Whitehurst, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Linda Strader-mother of Stacey Lynch, Paul Thompson-friend of St. Peter's, Sis Thornburgh-member.

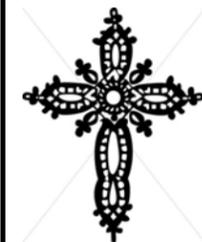


Our condolences are extended to the family and friends of Ann Harrell Hill who died recently.

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 FEBRUARY

February 5: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Erin & Dave Tayloe by the family.



February 12: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Patrick Harris Cochran by his family.

February 19: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Philip Sterling by the family.

February 26: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edna Jones & Braxton Bragg Dawson, Pearl & William Crawford Dawson, Edna & Thomas Nixon, Francis King Dawson, Julian Granberry Nixon, Tommye Nixon Dawson and John Peter Rascoe by Bragg Dawson and Nancy Dawson Rascoe.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2016 Year-End Report

Total income was \$486,245 which was \$8,645 over our budget prediction due to substantially higher contributions over the year. Total expense was \$470,558 which was \$21,000 under our budgeted amount. Despite much higher maintenance costs there were savings in many other expenses. Our net ordinary income for the year was \$15,687 which is \$29,645 more than our budgeted amount of -\$13,958.

Building Mortgage Balance (as of 2/13/2017) = \$138,931.47.

Operating Bank Balance 12/31/2016 (less 2017 prepaid pledges) = \$91,852.50

Designated Funds Bank Balance 12/31/2016 = \$60,059.96

2017 Pledges-to-date are \$477,000 which is \$27,000 above last year.

Lex Mann, Treasurer



HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOME VISITATION MINISTRY

If you have an hour a month you can share and really want to do something rewarding, then this is the perfect place to volunteer. We need several new people to visit those that can't leave their home or that live in the nursing home, but would like to have a short visit. They need to know that someone from their own church is thinking about them and cares about their needs. Please contact Jennifer at the church office or Julie Howdy at jhowdy@suddenlink.net or 252-944-6321. Please join in and be a part of this important outreach ministry which provides a very necessary service right here among our own church family.

Interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister at either the 8am or 10:15am service? Please contact Tom Archie for more information. 946-8578



Musically Speaking



The choir needs you! The choir wants you! I do hope you will consider joining the choir this year. The past three months have been tough on us. Bob Diefendorf retired. Catherine Powell moved to Greenville. Ann Hill died. Three faithful members in such a short period of time has really shaken us. Happily, we received a new member this past week. Dave Waite joined our ranks, and we are MORE than thankful for his willingness to serve! Please be sure to give him a big thanks when you see him.

So many of you tell me that you can't sing. Are you certain? Are you sure there isn't a little musical voice deep within you just waiting to be coaxed out? How can you be certain without trying? Choral music is vital in the worship life of the church. Just imagine the service without the leadership of the choir. We have been blessed for so long to have such talented and dedicated choristers. We surely want to continue the tradition! Please consider "giving it a shot."

It is very exciting to realize that the children's choir will begin rehearsing in just a couple of weeks. I can hardly wait to hear our children singing in church. A basic knowledge of music and an appreciation for music is so very important!!! I hope ALL of our children will be encouraged to participate.

A great big note of appreciation to Mac Skillen for enhancing the 10:15 Eucharist with trumpet. We are so very fortunate that Mac has committed to weekly rehearsal and performances. Thank you Mac!

Let's do all we can to keep the music alive and well here at Saint Peter's. If you are unable to serve, encourage your neighbor to take part. It takes ALL of us to keep our church active!

Doug



Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

*Serving migrant and
seasonal farmworkers
in the fields,
on the farms, and at home.*

Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry Update

As many of you know it has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry for the past three years. The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry is a collaborative ministry between the Diocese of East Carolina and the Diocese of North Carolina to serve primarily migrant farmworkers along the I95 corridor between Smithfield and Fayetteville. The Farmworker Ministry ministers to 3,500 Farmworkers and their dependents each growing season by providing outreach at 47 work camps in Johnson, Harnett and Sampson Counties. Direct services provided by the Ministry include immigration services, transportation, English as a Second Language, food, clothing, visits to migrant camps, as well as emotional and spiritual support. Special projects such as reusable water bottles, protective gloves and clothing ensure and maintain the safety of farmworkers.

Both dioceses undertook a joint capital campaign, Harvest for Hospitality (H4H) to significantly bolster much needed financial resources necessary to maintain a vibrant and successful ministry. Saint Peter's through the efforts of our ECW, Outreach Committee, and individual donations substantially contributed to the more than \$63,000 raised in the Diocese of East Carolina for the H4H campaign. Additional generous funds were also provided to the Ministry itself for ongoing operating expenses by our Outreach Committee and ECW.

The generosity of our congregation, along with others in both dioceses and beyond, allowed the Ministry to put itself on sound and secure financial footing. H4H funds were used as seed money to transition and hire a seasoned and experienced team to provide new leadership and direction to the Ministry. Additionally, the Ministry was able to replace two ancient and well worn transportation vans with one new and the other almost new vans as well as add a large storage shed to further support the ministry.

Being a part of this ministry was a wonderful experience for me and allowed an opportunity to personally grow in awareness, knowledge, and action to support those people who often live on the fringes of society. I am both proud of what the Board of Directors was able to accomplish and even prouder to represent the Diocese of East Carolina and Saint Peter's during my time on the Board. I have some regret about stepping away from the Ministry as it moves forward with new exciting initiatives; however, I am anxious to become involved in several local projects that will not necessitate the two plus hour road trip (each way) that meetings entailed and precluded a more hands on approach I prefer.

I have recently been appointed to the Board of Directors at Zion Kitchen and Shelter. I look forward to sharing with the congregation ways that parish members may become involved and supportive of a much needed community resource. I am excited about this opportunity to be more directly involved in our own community outreach. I thank each of you for your past and future contributions to the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry.

Faithfully,

Katherine



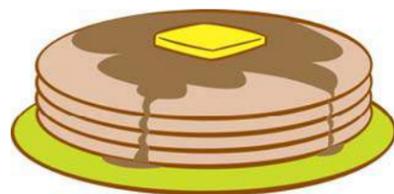
“Getting to Know St. Peter
at St. Peter’s”
Lenten Program 2017
Wednesdays March 8, 15, 22 & 29

Why did the founder’s of our church choose to call it St. Peter’s? What do you know about the life of the Apostle Peter? Was Peter’s life anything like our congregation’s life?

This Lent we will gather together for four Wednesday nights to share a simple meal together, pray and do Bible study, and reflect upon these questions and others. On the first night we will hear a brief overview of Peter’s life and history of St. Peter’s Church. The following Wednesday nights, using the African Bible Study, we will look at Peter’s life in the Gospels to get a more personal glimpse of who he was and what made him unique. But at the same time we will also be reflecting on our life together to see if there are any similarities between Peter and us. The African Bible Study is a more meditative way of approaching Scripture and is fun to do in groups. It is also a great way to let the Holy Spirit speak to each of us and to the group.

The meals will begin at 6:00pm and the program will conclude promptly at 7:30pm. Ann Bustard will have a program for children and a nursery will be provided. Four different ministry groups will prepare food and serve us each evening a delicious menu of soup, salad, and bread. The menu is simple in keeping with Lent, but we promise it will be delicious!

Our Lenten program is not only an important part of our liturgical tradition; it is also part of our Lenten discipline. During this season, we seek to draw closer to God and to each other as we prepare for our Lord’s passion and resurrection. Plan to attend. Invite another family or friend to attend with you. Be open to the moving of God’s Spirit as we gather together in God’s name!



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

**Is February 28th this year! Please join us for
our annual pancake supper in
All Saint’s Hall at 6:00 p.m.**



Look for the Sunday snacks after the 8:00 am worship service. Snacks, coffee and tea are available in the hallway near the Library entrance. All are welcome to have a bite and enjoy some fellowship. If you are interested in providing the snacks, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Children’s Chapel

At the beginning of the school year, Bill Cochran built two standing wooden crosses for Children’s Chapel to hold the prayers of our youngest Parishioners. In chapel, the children experience a child-friendly service which mirrors the liturgy in the church. At the end of their service, the children receive a yellow “sticky” note on which they write a personal prayer. When finished, they place their prayers on either the cross which says, “Intercessions,” (praying on behalf of others), or the cross entitled “Thanksgivings.”

We want the children to feel comfortable saying a prayer at any time, so what they do at the end of our time together is a tangible way to teach and reinforce the importance of prayer. You will enjoy reading the heartfelt prayers which give us insights into the thoughts of our children.

- Lord, thank you for showing us how to be kind.
- I am thankful for my family and my life.
- I pray for all those affected by the bad attacks in Turkey.
- I am thankful for school, so kids can get a good education.
- I am thankful for St. Peter’s and all the children here.
- I pray for my big test coming up this week.
- I pray that my dog Bella will have puppies.
- I pray for my family and sports.
- I pray for my great Grandma to get well soon.
- I pray for my Aunt who has cancer.
- I am thankful for good grades.
- I am thankful for God because he creates everything I love.
- I pray for everyone who is sick.
- I pray that no one will be lonely.
- I pray for my dogs.
- I pray for everyone to stay healthy.
- I am thankful for bananas.
- I am thankful for not being born in a barn like Jesus.
- I want to pray for my braces when I am twelve. I hope they do not hurt.
- I am thankful for Jesus, God, Ms. Janet and my family.
- I pray for kind people like my teachers.
- I pray for people who lost their homes, things and relatives during Hurricane Matthew.
- I pray that God will be with me, so I will not be afraid.
- I pray that all people go to church to pray.
- I am thankful for Christian music and my aggravating brother.

