

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

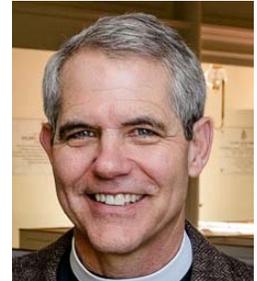
April 26, 2017



Grace Upon Grace

Dear Friends,

I'm looking forward to celebrating our ministry together at Saint Peters with you as Bishop Skirving inducts me as Rector on May 17th at 5:30. The Bishop will preach and celebrate at the Eucharist; representatives from the congregation will present me with items symbolizing various areas of our mission and ministry in Christ and charge me to share in the work of Christ with them. Following the service we will enjoy a parish cookout so make sure you come dressed casually!



The Celebration of a New Ministry is not required when a priest is called to serve as the Rector of a church. However, I asked Bishop Rob if he would do it for us because I believe it helps us recognize that we are beginning a new work together. It helps us understand that I am no longer the Priest-in-Charge and that our transition time has ended. More importantly it helps us to formally acknowledge this change to our community in Washington and the Diocese. We will be sending out invitations to other clergy in Washington from other denominations as well as to clergy in the Pamlico Deanery.

I hope that we will have a full house on May 17th and that you will plan to bring your whole family. A nursery will be provided. The service will not be long and hopefully the weather will be warm and sunny for the evening meal.

Faithfully,

Fr. Jim



Celebration of a New Ministry & Parish Cookout



Wednesday, May 17, 2017, will be a big day in the life of Saint Peter's Church. Fr. Jim Reed will be welcomed in a Celebration of a New Ministry service at 5:30 in the church. Bishop Skirving will be here to preach and be the celebrant. You don't want to miss this very special time in the life Fr. Jim and in the life of Saint Peter's!

Following the service there will be a grilled hot dog and hamburger cookout in the Courtyard and All Saints' Hall. Parish Life will serve up delicious side dishes and dessert with the charcoal grilled dogs and burgers. Top it all off with a self-made ice cream sundae!

Be sure to save room on your calendar for this special evening May 17th. Please sign up in Gardner Hall to make our planning more accurate.

Backpack Buddies Update

We continue to deliver nutritious food to our 14 little friends at Eastern Elementary weekly, and will do so until school ends for summer. We will begin again in the Fall, with a new group of children, as we have done in years past. Because of your generosity, we haven't put many notices in recent bulletins and Keynotes because we are in good shape with funds and food. HALLELUJAH!! We have 16 dedicated committee members who work together joyfully; purchasing, stocking, packing and delivering bags filled with meat, veggies, fruit (canned and fresh), milk, ETC. each week. When the kids have a scheduled break (like the upcoming Easter week), they receive "double" to cover the extra week. The children, their parents, and their teachers appreciate your continued generosity and kindness.



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.

ECW Picnic May 10th at Marsha Hackney's Home at 12:00 noon

Our last meeting until September will be on Wednesday May 10th and we are very fortunate that Marsha Hackney has invited us to her beautiful home on the water for our annual get-together covered dish meeting. Marsha's house address is 211 Pamlico Lane in Cypress Landing. We are looking forward to seeing you at this very special meeting.



Church Attendance

March 5:	8 a.m./54	10:15a.m./118	Chapel/48
March 12:	8 a.m./28	10:15a.m./88	Chapel/27
March 19:	8 a.m./35	10:15a.m./123	Chapel/NA
March 26:	8a.m./44	10:15a.m./98	Chapel/42



EFM

Education for Ministry meets at St. Peter's in April and St. Timothy's in May. Anyone interested in attending one of the meetings in order to discern whether they would like to participate next year is invited. We request you e-mail Jane Taylor at janiekru@yahoo.com. The group meets on Tuesday night from 6:30 pm to 9:00pm. Due to holidays please check in with Jane. Thank you.

Our sympathy is extended to Elizabeth Propst on the death of her father Bill Propst.

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

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Vestry Organization

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: Phyllis Ballance-friend of Betty Cochran, Fred Beachler-nephew of Michael Beachler, Nancy Chaffee-member, Peggy Daniels-daughter of Leslie Whitehurst, Martha Davis-sister of Betty Cochran, Mary Thompson Goss-sister of Randy Thompson, Bartow Houston-friend of the Walkers, Carol Keech-friend of Cindy & William Cochran, Yvonne Klapp-friend of Betty Cochran, Cyndi Kvalevog-friend of Cindy & William Cochran & aunt of Samantha Baldree, Amy, Brittany & Emily Langston-family members of Sonia Privette, Rose Little-family member of Trish Litchfield, Hodges Mann-friend of Fr. Reed, Jay Marle-member, Henry & Florette Moore-members, Peggy Moore-member, Ginni Nickell-member, Jimmy Pendergast-son of Kathie Kriss, Hilda Privette-mother of Sonia Privette, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Betsy Stowell-sister of Aynn Hadley, Linda Strader-mother of Stacey Lynch, Paul Thompson-friend of St. Peter's, Paul Wesley Thompson-brother of Randy Thompson, Sis Thornburgh-member, Will Trott-nephew of Trish Litchfield, Troy Whitehurst & Family-son of Leslie Whitehurst, Jeff Williams-nephew of Michael Beachler.

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



ATTENTION CHURCH WOMEN

The annual spring meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the East Carolina Diocese is being held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at Christ Church in New Bern. On the agenda is worship with Bishop Skirving as celebrant and installation of new Diocesan ECW Board Members. Also Terry Brubaker will speak on Camp Hope and the Prison Ministry, followed by lunch.



We are asked to bring a donation of reading glasses, cough drops or any kind of shaving cream for the Good Shepherd Center in Wilmington. This is a homeless shelter, soup kitchen, medical clinic and facility for veterans.

Preregistration is \$10. Let's make a big show from Saint Peter's in support of our Diocesan president, Nancy Hamblin! Thank you. Cathy Whichard 946-6905



**Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ.**

Cursillo in Christianity in East Carolina



Cursillo in Christianity is a ministry dedicated to promoting the development of Christ-centered leaders throughout the world. In the Diocese of East Carolina, Cursillistas are the hands and feet of Christ, providing a myriad of services within faith groups and to individuals. Consistent utilization of the Cursillo model for faith development and continuation insures ongoing piety, study and apostolic action.

Twice each year our Cursillo ministry offers a short course in Christianity over a long weekend. The dates for this year's weekends are April 27-30 and November 2-5. If you are interested in learning more, please contact a Cursillista in your church, or contact Marian Day at "laydirector4cursillo@gmail.com".



WOW!!! We did it! Saint Peter's raised funds and gathered together to package 5,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now. Packaging the food in All Saints' Hall was a fun morning of fellowship and team work. Thank you to Judy Van Dorp for organizing this major project starting with the Polar Plunge and ending with food packing. Thank you to all who supported this worthy project!

Our outreach support of P. S. Jones Middle School continues. Did you know that May 1st through May 5th is Teacher Appreciation Week? Thank you to Sonia Armstrong and Pam Hodges for volunteering to provide treats for the teachers. Please check the Outreach Bulletin Board for a sign-up sheet to help monitor end of year testing at P. S. Jones. Testing will occur from May 30th through June 2nd. Each teacher is required to have a volunteer in the classroom during testing. Crystal Hardt is the testing coordinator and will be providing more information.

Coming soon.....Saint Peter's will be collecting much needed supplies for various community nonprofits. We will choose an organization each month and provide a collection box in the narthex of the church. More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you

Sarah Ninan

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 May 21st. 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

UTO Chair



Thank you, thank you!

To all who purchased, filled and brought eggs to the church for the Easter Egg Hunt.

To all who hid the Easter Eggs outside in the churchyard.

To all the happy children who filled their Easter baskets on that beautiful day.

"A good time was had by all!"

Roses to our Sunday School teachers for the March session:

Jamie and Paul Keel, Olivia Roberson and Katirle Leach and Ashley and Chris Padgett.

What a wonderful way to fulfill the Baptismal vows!

Musically Speaking

Thank you for your comments about the choral music Easter Day. I believe our choir was at their best! The offertory anthem, which we have sung before, always seems to please.

It was “With A Voice Of Singing” by Martin Shaw. Shaw, 1875-1958, was quick to identify himself as “Cockney” because he was born within the sound of the “Bow Bells.” He was the son of a bohemian and eccentric church organist and composer James Shaw. Martin was older brother to composer Geoffrey Shaw and actor Julius Shaw. (quite a gifted family!) Martin, who studied at the Royal Academy, was a contemporary to such notable composers as Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams and John Ireland. It was certainly a “golden age” for English music.

Martin held a number of organ positions which included the famous St. Martin’s in the Field. His compositions are numerous but “With A Voice Of Singing “ may be the best known. Thank you for your kind comments.

Doug



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.

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!





Vacation Bible School

St. Peter's will join with several other churches in our community for VBS 2017. We will be meeting at First Methodist along with Covenant Church and First Presbyterian Church the last week in June beginning Sunday, June 25 at 5:00 pm with a Hot dog dinner followed by a

shortened session one from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The sessions Monday through Thursday will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Thursday evening, there will be a closing gathering with musical presentations by the children and an ice cream party as the final event.

The age level is 4 years through 5th grade. One of our greatest needs is for Adult and Youth Group leaders who will stay with a particular group all week. Any adult who wants to be involved will be most welcome. Young children look up to teens, so please consider participating. By the way, the fact that you volunteer for VBS can be included in your resumes in preparation for college. We need older youth for Science, Bible Story tellers and music.

Please sign up to participate! I promise you that you will experience the love, joy and enthusiasm of our young participants. Come, join in the fun!



Memorial Opportunity

For those interested in giving a gift of remembrance in someone's name to St. Peter's, the Altar Guild will be purchasing new fair linens. Some of ours are old and in need of replacement. Contact Barbara Grimes 946-6446 or bgrimes10@suddenlink.net.

SAVE YOUR BLOOD DONATION!!

St. Peter's American Red Cross annual blood drive will be held on Tuesday, May 30th. This is the day after **Memorial Day** so mark your calendars now. If you donate between now and then, you will **not be eligible** to give on May 30th. We need you. Following a holiday makes it a tough time to have a successful blood drive. More information on how to be a donor or worker, to come.

