

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

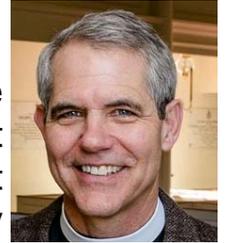
Keynotes

July 19, 2017



Dear Friends

Somebody once asked me why I went to church. This was beside the fact that I was a priest and a Christian. They too were Christians, but did not attend services any more. After giving the question some thought my reply was, "One reason I go is because it is the only place in my world or culture where I can gather openly with a large group of people to pray and worship the God I love. During this time I do not have to defend my actions nor explain them to others. It just happens. Church meets a need in my life that nothing else can."



This summer I hope you have a chance to rest and "re-create" a little. Perhaps your church attendance will drop off a bit and you'll find yourself thinking about God on a Sunday morning by the ocean, on a mountain or some other peaceful place. You might find your Sunday morning driving down a highway or walking along the streets of a large city. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," someone once said. And I hope this will be true for all of us this summer.

Wherever you might be, remember to pray for your brothers and sisters at St. Peter's. Take time to thank God for this beautiful creation, for the summer months and all they bring. Remember the poor and hungry and those who are working, or serving our nation overseas and at home.

And remember, if you are away for an extended time; keep your pledge current so we can pay the bills here at the church. (Our expenses continue year round.)

 "Take ~~my~~ *my* yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
Matthew 11: 29-30 KJV

Faithfully,
Fr. Jim



VBS 2017

What a happy week! The children had a wonderful time thanks to the efforts of all the leaders, teachers and helpers who participated in a myriad of activities. The young people also heard about and learned the names of Bible Heroes.

Thank you to the children of St. Peter's who participated daily and to their parents and grandparents who transported them to First United Methodist. Sonia Armstrong was a great volunteer for recreation/ games. Sandy and Carla Roman were two of the best teen helpers I have ever seen! Lastly, a huge vote of thanks to Lind Graves who organized our bakers who made delicious cookies to eat with ice cream at the party for everyone after the Thursday evening program. Everyone had a great time!

Rena B. Harding "Facelift" Is In the Works!

Saint Peter's Church Women are at it again. They saw the need and will answer the call to restore the Rena B. Harding Room, which is upstairs in Gardner Hall, to its original beauty and usefulness.

A committee has been formed to create a plan to renovate and redecorate the Rena B. Harding room. Recent roof leaks have occurred, so wall and ceiling damage will be repaired soon. The committee has identified both furniture and decorative needs to bring the room back to its original beauty.

In that room, many a bride has had her picture taken while she stood in front of the lovely mirror before her wedding! Sunday school classes, meetings, and luncheons have all taken place in the wonderful, light-filled space. The planned 'facelift' will bring life back to the room for all to use and enjoy!

In order to make this transformation happen, donations would be greatly appreciated to help with recovering furniture, new lighting, and renovation costs. Won't you help make our goal a reality? Let's create a lovely space for our growing family where special events will make lasting memories.

If you would like to donate to this effort, make your check payable to Saint Peter's ECW and memo that it is for the Rena B. Renovation and turn it in to Jennifer at the church office.



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.

Summer Lemonade & Snacks

Lemonade and snacks are being served under the breezeway near All Saints' Hall following the 10:15am service each week. We hope that you will join us. If you are interested in helping serve one Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. Many hands make the work light! Thanks!

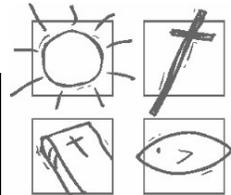


Building Loan Balance

As of July 11, 2017 the balance of the building loan was
\$130,813.01.

Church Attendance

June 4: 8:00/40 10:15/156 Chapel/N/A
 June 11: 8:00/40 10:15/115 Chapel/28
 June 18: 8:00/39 10:15/103 Chapel/N/A
 June 25: 8:00/50 10:15/97 Chapel/43



Children's Christian Formation

In preparation for fall programming for Christian Formation, we ask that parents of children/youth fill in a survey to help us with our planning.

Copies of the survey may be found on the table in the hall across from the Library. Please take the time to share your ideas with us so that we may prepare suitable offerings for your children/youth. Completed surveys should be returned to the box in the hall. You may also complete the survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WV3L2ZD>. Thanks in advance for sharing your opinion.

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Marcus Jones-Senior Warden
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 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: **Gordon Barben**-friend of the Hadleys, **Fred Beachler**-nephew of Michael Beachler, **Conoley Blake**-member, **Dixie Blake**-stepmother of Conoley Blake, **Nancy Chaffee**-member, **Greg Cooper**-friend of William & Cindy Cochran, **Mary Charles Coppage**-mother of Lind Graves, **Evan Cornelius**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Bob Dorn**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Mary Thompson Goss**-sister of Randy Thompson, **Kathy Griffin**-sister of Mickie Johnston, **Barbara Grimes**-member, **Katherine Hall**-member, **Patti Jackson**-friend of Pat & Fred Holscher, **Aughtry Jones**-member, **Carol Keech**-friend of Cindy & William Cochran, **Virginia Koester**-aunt of Ann Peters, **Cyndi Kvalevog**-friend of Cindy & William Cochran & aunt of Samantha Baldree, **Jay Marle**-member, **Eleanor May**-member, **Mary Maye**-friend of Kathie Kriss, **Henry & Florette Moore**-members, **Peggy Moore**-member, **Jimmy Pendergast**-son of Kathie Kriss, **David Powers**-nephew of Bob & Nita Byrum, **Betty Privette**-aunt of Sonia Privette, **Emma Reiss**-aunt of Gayle Nadel, **Barbara Rasmussen**-mother of Conoley Blake, **Acra Samuels**-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, **Carol & Grover Sawyer**-friends of Leslie Whitehurst, **Jan Silverman**-friend of Kathleen Couch, **Joe Sleeper**-friend of Fr. Jim Reed, **Stacy & Jerry Smith**-cousins of Leslie Whitehurst, **Betsy Stowell**-sister of Aynn Hadley, **Linda Strader**-mother of Stacey Lynch, **Paul Thompson**-friend of Saint Peter's, **Paul Wesley Thompson**-brother of Randy Thompson, **Sis Thornburgh**-member, **Felix Whitehurst**-friend of Leslie Whitehurst, **Blake & Brittany Williford**-son & daughter-in-law of Conoley Blake, **Carah Williford**-member, **Jeff Williams**-nephew of Michael Beachler, **Walt Young**-friend of Richard Roy.

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!



Education for Ministry



During July and August we are recruiting members for our Education for Ministry Seminar. The seminar meets weekly September through May and we study the Bible, Church History and Church Theology. Please stop by our display in the hallway by the office and look at our materials. You may also like to talk with any of our former seminar graduates or Mark Henley (944-5448) and Jane Taylor (402-8782) present participants. A little bit of knowledge can be an enabling tool.

ECW---Trinity Is Calling

It's time for the Annual ECW August Gathering at Trinity Center! Wednesday, August 16 is the date and our friend, Jeff Jenkins will be the guest speaker.

The schedule begins with Registration at 9:00 followed by the meeting featuring Jeff, speaking about his love of nature through photography and how he finds God's presence and beauty all around us. At 11:30 our Chaplin, Pam Stringer, will lead us in worship and celebrate Holy Eucharist. Then we eat lunch at 12:30.

Let's join the other ladies in the diocese for this day of fellowship and worship at a beautiful location. The cost for refreshments, lunch and the use of Trinity Center facilities is \$20 per person. Put your check made out to Saint Peter's ECW in the ECW mailbox by July 31 to meet the preregistration deadline.

If you would like to ride with someone, we can carpool. Call Cathy Whichard, 946-6905, so we can sort out the drivers and riders. The group will meet in the church parking lot at 7:00 AM on August 16 for departure.

We always have a good time. Make plans today to attend!

St. Peter's will be helping out again this Fall with Back Pack Buddies at Eastern Elementary. Our generous parishioners (YOU!) supply nutritious food to feed pre-approved students over the weekends during the school year. This program has been VERY successful across the country for years - we, at SPC, have been sponsoring children since 2011. We look forward to another year of providing food, once the children are screened and we're given the green light to begin purchasing, stocking, packing and delivering. Stay tuned for further information after school starts.



"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." [Proverbs 3:27](#)