

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

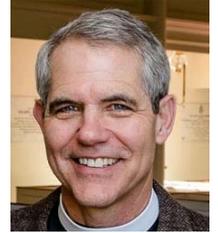
Keynotes

August 16, 2017



Dear Friends,

It feels like summer has gone by too quickly this year. School will be starting August 28th and Labor Day will be here on September 4th which is only 3 weeks away as I write this! I've been working with the staff, Fr. Fred and our Vestry and leaders to set our fall programs in place so we will be ready to serve Christ this year and next.



We have chosen Sunday September 10th as our **Kick Off Sunday**. There will only be two worship services that day and both will start at 10:00am. *There will be no 8:00am service on this day, but the early service will return on September 17th.*

Sunday School will begin at 10:00am on the 10th and parents can find out more about the new format for Sunday School/Children's Chapel in this edition of Keynotes in Ann Bustard's articles.

Following worship we will meet in All Saint's Hall for our church picnic. All who attend will share good food, fun and fellowship and Parish Life, Christian Education and the Kitchen Crew are putting the picnic activities as well as menu together.

The other big news I want to announce is that **the second service (both English and Spanish speaking) will continue to meet at 10:00am instead of 10:15am after the 10th.** The 10:15am time was chosen several years ago when St. Peter's had three services on Sunday in order to accommodate them. When the third service was discontinued, the 10:15am time remained.

By changing the second service to 10:00am we will make fewer changes on those Sundays when the early service does not meet for the occasion of having the whole congregation together. There will still be time in between both services for church meetings, breakfasts and education classes. Also, by meeting earlier the congregation will be dismissed earlier.

I hope to see everyone on September 10th as we come back together to celebrate the presence of Christ in our community.

Faithfully,
Fr. Jim

"Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children & Youth Sunday School beginning September 10, 2017

Change is in the air! We have made the decision to change the times for Sunday School and Children's Chapel to better accommodate children and parents. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. on the second floor according to the grade level of the individual child. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will meet in Room 16 while Grades 3, 4 and 5 will meet in the Art Room. Youth will be in class approximately 40-45 minutes and then go down to the Children's Chapel for a short worship service before entering the church at the time of the Peace in time for Eucharist.

At a recent meeting of the Children's Formation Support Committee, the decision was made to take this action in order to increase attendance at Sunday School and to make our program more user-friendly. Please talk to your friends and neighbors and invite them to send their children to join us on Sunday mornings. We will be blessed by their attendance.

Also, look for the Teacher sign-ups in the hall across from the Work room. You will see that we need two adults in each class to be in compliance with the Diocesan Insurance Policy.

Teacher Training- Thursday August 31- 5pm- 6pm

Who was Rena B. Harding?

The twelfth rector at Saint Peter's was the Rev. Nathaniel Harding (1873-1917). Mrs. Rena B. Harding was his wife.

In 1888 Bishop Watson saw the need to organize the Societies, Guilds, and Auxiliaries already at work in each parish throughout the diocese. In 1908 Bishop Strange was ready to pass the leadership of the organized group to a female leader. Therefore, he appointed Mrs. Rena B. Harding of Saint Peter's to be the first president of the Women's Auxiliary. She served in this role until 1912.

When the parish house was constructed the ladies' parlor was named to honor Rena B. Harding for her contributions to the Episcopal Church Women of Saint Peter's and the East Carolina Diocese. You can view her portrait in the parlor.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Harding's granddaughter, Dill Lynch, and great-granddaughter, Katherine Hall as active members of Saint Peter's. Her heritage lives on!

If you would like to contribute to the update and refurbishing of the parlor, send a check to the church office and note that your donation is for the Rena B. room.

Source: On This Rock, A History of St. Peter's Church by Betty Cochran with Ace Mann

ECW MEETING IN THE MUSIC ROOM ON SEPTEMBER 13th

We are happy to inform you that the speaker at the first of our 2017/2018 meetings will be Father Jim Reed. Father Jim has spoken to us twice before so we all know that this is an occasion that must not be missed. A good time was had by all at our May meeting which was a covered dish luncheon at Marsha Hackney's beautiful home. We thank her again for her gracious hospitality. We are asking everyone to bring a donation to our September meeting for the Back Pack Buddy Pantry. Suitable donations are small cans of tuna or chicken, individual boxes of raisings, pretzels, vegetables, fruit or dry cereal or small packages of mac and cheese. We are looking forward to seeing you at 9:30 on September 13th.



Blessing of the School Year

Please save the date for new beginnings- SEPTEMBER 10th at 10am! All youth are asked to bring their backpacks to church that Sunday so that Father Jim and Father Fred may bless their school bags for the coming school year. We invite all educators and administrators to come forward after the Peace to receive a blessing along with the students. The new school year is an important start for students, teachers and administrators. We want them all to know that their church family will hold them up in prayer all this year and always.



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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: Fred Beachler–nephew of Michael Beachler, Bill Bingham–friend of the Tayloes, 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, Mark Eakes–friend of Ray & Suzanne Heath, Jim Gifford–friend of Mavis Burns, Mary Thompson Goss–sister of Randy Thompson, Barbara Grimes–member, Aynn Hadley–member, Katherine Hall–member, Patti Jackson–friend of Pat & Fred Holscher, Virginia Koester–aunt of Ann Peters, 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, Emma Reiss–aunt of Gayle Nadel, Acra Samuels–daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Jan Silverman–friend of Kathleen Couch, Joe Sleeper–friend of Fr. Jim Reed, 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, Jeff Williams–nephew of Michael Beachler.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR AUGUST



August 6, 2017: Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cynthia Watkins Pool by Audrey & Dave Watkins and family.

August 13, 2017: Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Hodges Glenn, Evelyn Glenn Payne and Evelyn Payne Snow by the family.

August 20, 2017: Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Saint Peter’s parish family.

August 27, 2017: Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sally Ann & Ace Mann, Frederick Scales, Jr., Kathy and Kathleen White by the family.

Save the Date: September 10th

One worship service at 10am followed by a Parish Picnic

More details coming soon!





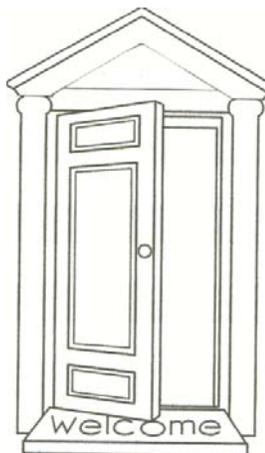
**Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ.**

Cursillo in Christianity in East Carolina



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Twice each year our Cursillo ministry offers a short course in Christianity over a long weekend. The date for this fall is 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".



Foyer is happening once again!

Do any of these comments sound familiar?

1. I would love to get to know those folks better.
2. I am new to Saint Peter's and really don't know anyone very well.
3. I see them every Sunday, but I really don't know them.
4. Do you know that person? They sit on the left side, about middle way.

Foyer may be the answer!

Foyer fellowship groups are made up of Saint Peter's adults who meet in groups of 6-8 folks about four times a year to share dinner in one another's homes. The host family provides the entrée, with the others bringing vegetables, dessert, etc., as requested. Both couples and singles are encouraged to participate.

Your foyer group sets your own time, location and rules! The evening is social with no program or agenda other than a blessing liturgy before eating. It's a great way to get to know folks better in a home environment.

If you are interested in joining a foyer group for fun, food, and fellowship, please submit your name and contact information to Delores Darden (946-4606 or wwarden@nc.rr.com) or the church office (jennifer@saintpetersnc.org).

Musically Speaking

There was great concern Sunday about the totally vacant choir pews. The choir is on holiday from now through the Labor Day Holiday. It is a MUCH deserved break! Our choir works hard to provide solid musical leadership for the worship services year after year. Remember that they have spent longer in rehearsal than they are in the service. Take time to thank a choir member for their dedication to our church. (Or try to imagine our services without the benefit of the beautiful choral music ...) We are blessed to have these members who are willing to share their talent week after week.

My hope is that YOU will consider being a part of the choir here at Saint Peter's. We have room for you and we want you! Choir is a great opportunity to sharpen your singing ability, keep your mind alert and build community at the same time.

Please consider making this the year that you deepen your commitment to our church through the music program. A vestment, a reserved seat and unusually strong coffee are just a few of the perks of choir membership!

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!



Building Loan Balance

As of August 15, 2017, the balance of the building loan was \$129,043.

Need assistance daily for a loved one or extended family?

Conoley Blake serves as a private caregiver to assist with daily living. She is currently available. If interested, please contact Conoley at 252-947-0578 for further information. Thank you.

2017-2018 Saint Peter's Outreach

As summer begins to come to an end, it is time to think about your resources and talents to help serve Saint Peter's and the community around us. During our parish transition meetings, **Outreach** was identified as a primary value of our congregation. Imagine the possibilities if each church member made a small or large commitment to participate in **Outreach** at Saint Peter's. How could we grow individually, spiritually and as a church community while impacting the world around us? We have a small committee who meets monthly to help facilitate the many activities; we welcome new members and new ideas. We have ongoing commitments but want to stretch and use our creativity to look at ways to serve the world around us. Please prayerfully consider how **you** would like to participate. **Bring your calendar to our Parish Picnic Sept 10th** and sign up! Call Sarah Ninan with questions or ideas 252-721-0112.

Outreach Opportunities Sign-up 2017

P. S Jones partnership with Beaufort County Bright Futures

*Monthly Bright futures meeting

Coordinator: Sarah Ninan (252)721-0112

*Coordinate back to school needs with school counselors, collect items and take them to school-Sept.

Coordinator: _____

*Career Day Breakfast and Lunch for Volunteers- team to prepare and serve food. 2018 date TBA

Coordinator:_____

* Girls Group-Weekly group held along with school counselor. Need education, social work or mental health background. Details of 2017-18 TBA based on school counselor availability to participate. Contact Sarah Ninan for further info.

- Teacher Appreciation week: First week in May. Provide treats for 80 teachers 2-3 days of the week

Coordinator:_____

*Proctor –proctor end of grade (EOG) testing during the mornings. Occurs end of May through first week of June. Numerous adults required to assist proctoring state tests **Coordinator**_____

*Teacher treats during End of Grade testing **Coordinator**_____

Wagon Wheel Ministry

Coordinator: Sonia Armstrong (562)310-3115

Coordinate and distribute donations to community partners. (Zion Shelter, PS Jones School Supplies, Eagles Wings, Backpack Buddies,)

*Wagon to be placed at the back of the church to collect weekly donations. At the end of the month the children will roll the wagon down the aisle to bless the items before distribution to appropriate charity. Aug –PS Jones/Backpack, Sept.-PS Jones/Backpack, Oct- Higher Heights, Nov- Christmas Giving, Dec.- Christmas Giving, Jan-Zion Shelter, Feb-Spare Change for Stop Hunger, March-Ruth's House, April – Eagles Wings, May- Community Women's Shelter

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser - TBA-Coordinator: Sarah Ninan (252)721-0112

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Amazing Frozen Casserole Fundraiser: (new activity) Date TBA

Coordinator: Katherine Tate (252)943-5396

Blood Drive (week following Memorial Day or as assigned by Red Cross)

Sallie Scales currently coordinates and is interested in a co-leader. Involves recruiting volunteers to check in donors, prepare and serve food.

Rise Against Hunger (previously called Stop Hunger Now)-Coordinator: Judy Van Dorp (252)367-5419

Fundraising: Polar Plunge –Feb. 2018, Pancake supper-Feb. 13, 2018, Packing: March 24, 2018

Backpack Buddies: healthy foods provided to elementary school children for weekends

Coordinator: Catherine Partrick (252)943-1687

Call Catherine to see how you can help. Donation table located outside of church office

Open Door Women's Shelter-Coordinator: Julie Howdy (252)944-6321

The plans for the shelter are being finalized and there will be numerous opportunities to help. Stay tuned!!!!!!

Zion Shelter Lunch Bags:

Monthly weekend bag lunches provided to shelter residents. Sign up outside of church office

CHRISTMAS

Toys for Tots-community program of toy collection and distribution from All Saints' Hall: Dec. 7-11, 2017

Coordinator: Mary Parker Liles (252)402-1624

Salvation Army Angel Tree: Pick up Angels from Salvation army, distribute "Angel," collect gifts and return them to Salvation Army. Starts in early Dec.

Coordinator:_____

Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing-Coordinator : Judy Van Dorp (252)367-5419

Nursing Home Gifts: Collect gifts and distribute in Dec.

Coordinator:_____

Mental Health Association Gift Collection: Collect gifts and return to designated location

Coordinator_____

Alternative Christmas Giving: Christmas cards which provide a donation to a charity. Committee is actively in progress for 2017

Coordinator: Gayle Nadel (336)402-8402

Methodist Church Matthew 25 : Desserts for 150 homeless /hungry souls. The main meal is prepared by the Methodist congregation who has a monthly meal, and Saint Peter's has agreed to deliver dessert for Feb 10th 2018

Coordinator_____