

Keynotes

July, 2018



This summer so many of us will have (or already have had) a chance to go on vacation. There is something magical in how new vistas can energize us and renew our spirits. Inspired by a wonderful book called Sacred Spaces: Stations along the Celtic Way, by Margaret Silf, I offer a suggestion on your travels. If you have already been on vacation, you can still do this activity from your memories!

Pay attention to natural settings that stand out for you. Meditate on what God may be telling you through this heightened sense of awareness. The answer will eventually come, one way or another! Here are some things you might see, and you might resonate with because of where you are right now on your spiritual journey:

Hilltops which offer us the vision of what might be and the inspiration to follow a certain path; *wells* that take us to the depths of experience to find the treasure in our occasional shipwrecks; *groves of trees* and nearby *springs* which can give us a sense of the support of circles of friends, and community, and inspire new life and new hope; *crossing places* such as causeways, bridges and crossroads that invite us to go beyond our present limits or set out in a different direction; *boundaries* that are on the cutting edge of growth and changes; the *high cross*, which connects heaven and earth, and our inner lives to the outer expression of our potential; the *infinite knot* which brings simplicity out of complication.

Celtic Spirituality would tell us that the insights we gain from these and other observations move us closer to our centeredness in Christ, and enable us to better see each other. When we encounter each other from the sacred place in which we are held in God's eternal embrace, we grow into the ground of being and becoming.

Are you setting out on a new beginning? Well on your way following a long, rugged journey? Turning or returning after having lost your way? Seeking a sense of belonging within a community? Going through a transition? These and other stages and patterns of growth are part of our sacred journeys, and by paying attention to your natural environments this summer, you may gain some insight about the next step along the way.

God can speak to us through nature – through the awesome Creation of which we are a part. If we slow down, and really look and listen, we may get a glimpse of eternity that informs what we are experiencing in the present time. Sacred spaces offer opportunities to meet that experience and take it beyond the self. And then to discover for ourselves what the Mystery means for us and how it is drawing us more and more into beloved community at St. Peter's, and into our other spheres of influence. *Loving Creator—you made us to be in relationship with you. Help us to be ever mindful of your presence in us and in all of creation around us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Happy Summer!
Nanette Woodworth



Doo-Dads and What-Nots

Things. We all have them. Decorative items we have purchased because they express our personality or fit our home décor perfectly. Or perhaps it is an item we had to have to remind us of our travels or vacations. And more than likely we have something we saved from a relative's estate to remind us of them.

So---if you are tired of dusting it or have sent it to the attic for safe keeping or you just want to declutter (who doesn't need to do that?), put it in the box of things you are saving for the **ECW Attic Sale on October 5th and 6th**. We can find the perfect new home for it and someone else can enjoy it and dust it.

Also, if you have redecorated, we can find a new home for the furniture and rugs you no longer need.

Our resident experts will be manning a section at the sale for "**Collectibles**." Dig deep and be honest with yourself. Do I really need this anymore? Will my children want this? The money earned from your "doo-dad" will help ECW to help the community in need.

Bring your treasures for the Attic Sale from **September 29th to October 4th**. We'll handle it from there.

Dear Friends at St. Peter's,

It is with great excitement that we embark on the next chapter of our Journey as we leave for the Florida Keys at the end of June. We want to thank you for your hospitality. When we walked through the doors of St. Peter's 6 years ago, we were greeted with warmth and love from the first moment. Then Doug welcomed us into the choir with open arms. Along with the music ministry we have participated in prison ministry, nursing home ministry, Ruth's House and helped produce the only issue of Mosaic for the parish. We will take our memories with us. Be assured of our prayers and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hands.

John and Marcy Long

Oh No! That light bulb is out! Who do I tell?

In order to document and expedite minor repairs around the church, we've decided to implement a Building Maintenance Request List that will be located on the bulletin board just outside the church office. This will give anyone who sees a needed repair the ability to immediately report the problem, its location and who discovered or requested it in case we need additional information.



Thanks for your help! Picott Harrington, Jr. Warden



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY CENTER

(WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HOMELESS SHELTER)

We need someone with experience and who would like to fill our Treasurer position as soon as possible.

We need all people with grant writing experience.

We welcome anyone that would like to come to a board meeting to check us out and possibly get involved. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 at First Presbyterian Church.

At this time, with ODCC progressing towards opening in the fall, these positions will be critical in helping ODCC be successful and sustainable.

Please prayerfully consider this and if you would like to volunteer for a very fulfilling and worthwhile opportunity to really make a difference for St Peter's and our community please contact Julie Howdy (252-944-6321). Thank you

Save the Date: September 9th

One worship service at 10am followed by a Parish Picnic

More details coming soon!



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 Picott Harrington-Junior Warden
 Bonita Arvizu-Christian Education
 Michael Behar-Stewardship
 Mark Henley-English/Spanish Mission and Ministry
 Emma Holscher-Clerk
 Julie Howdy-Pastoral Care
 Val Johnson-Administration
 Sarah Ninan-Outreach
 Catherine Pfeiffer-Parish Life
 Bob Thomas-Buildings & Grounds
 Hank Van Dorp-Worship



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: David Barillaro-friend of Kathie Kriss, Fred Beachler-nephew of Michael Beachler, Jock Beachler-brother of Michael Beachler, John Boretti-friend of Ray & Mary Dennis, Stan Cohen-friend of Ray & Mary Dennis, Mary Charles Coppage-mother of Lind Graves, Mayhew Cox-member, Kathryn Forrest-daughter of Athy Cooper, Maria Gachuz-member, Camden Green-friend of Janet Bradbury, John Heath-brother of Ray Dennis, Mark Henley-member, Morgan Holder-granddaughter of Betty & Bill Cochran, David Jackie-cousin of Sharon Yakubowski, Carol Keech-friend of Cindy & William Cochran, Mary Maye-friend of Kathie Kriss, Coly McCauley-son of Nancy Hamblin, Roy Parker-member, Jimmy Pendergast-son of Kathie Kriss, David Roy-brother of Julie Howdy, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Katherine Thompson Sowers-family member of Randy Thompson, Paul Wesley Thompson-brother of Randy Thompson, Sis Thornburgh-member, Nena Tyndall-member, James Williams-friend of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Jeff Williams-nephew of Michael Beachler.

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!



For the past two years, our Nursery children have been cared for by Tasha Daniels on Sundays and other occasions. Beginning next month, she has asked to be off the third Sunday of every month so that she may spend that time with her own children. Jim and the Staff have discussed this to find a solution. We have decided to post a schedule outside the Nursery, and we ask that parents and other adult volunteers in the Parish sign up so that we will have continued care for our young children and babies on Sunday mornings. Tasha will serve the other Sundays of the month; we are happy that she will stay with us. Those who volunteer will indeed be blessed by their contact with our young ones!



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY



July 1: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed & Beth Hodges and Lalla Hodges Sidbury by the family.

July 8: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Sherwood Watts, Dr. William J. Sherwood, Mr. & Mrs. J. Adrian Bowen and Henry Watts by Susan Sherwood Dawson and Dr. & Mrs. William J. Sherwood, Jr.

July 15: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara & Bill Stringer, Linda Dixon and Rylen Eubanks by the Stringer family.

July 22: 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.

July 29: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Judith & Bob Kidwell by the Bradbury family.



New Office Hours Beginning August 1st:

Mon-Thurs 8am-12:30pm & 1pm-3pm, Fri 8am-12pm

Online Giving & Monthly Automatic Bank Draft

Good news! Saint Peter's is even more tech savvy! If you would like your pledge commitment to be paid online or automatically drafted monthly from your bank account, email or call Jennifer Spivey at the church office. (946-8151, jennifer@saintpetersnc.org) Also, anytime you feel called to give for any reason you can do so from our website via the online giving link. Visit www.saintpetersnc.org.



Don't forget to keep up to date with your 2018 pledge while you are away during summer vacations! Balances are available by calling or emailing Jennifer at 946-8151 or jennifer@saintpetersnc.org during regular office hours.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
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July 1, 2018

School is out and summer has begun. We are busy planning our vacations and adjusting to hot, humid weather, but do not forget to mark your calendars for our August Gathering at Trinity Center. **All women (and men) are invited!**

Come join us at Trinity Center on Wednesday, August 15th. We are pleased to have Barbara Lau from the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice as our guest speaker. Barbara will share with us the work of the Pauli Murray project at the Duke Human Rights Center. Come, join us, and learn about our own North Carolina Episcopal Priest who was named a Saint in 2012 by The Episcopal Church.

Our schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 9:00 Registration and Pick up new Diocesan ECW Handbooks
- 9:45 Assembly Begins
- 11:30 Holy Eucharist
- 12:30 Lunch

The cost for refreshments, lunch, and the use of Trinity Center facilities is \$20.00 per person. Please send checks made out to "ECW Diocese of East Carolina," to:

Annie Jacobs, 408 Bobby Jones Road, Wilmington, NC 28412

cell phone: (910) 200-5314 e-mail: aj34528@aol.com

This information will be needed **no later than August 5** so that we will have a correct count for Trinity Center to prepare the lunch.

If anyone would be interested in taking advantage of what Trinity Center has to offer and stay the evening of August 14th, please contact Trinity Center at (252) 247-5600. We would love to have you join the ECW Board for fellowship at 5:00 and/or the Board Meeting at 7:00.

Spread the word -- bring a friend!

God's peace,
Annie Jacobs

What's Your Specialty?

Pickled Beets Blueberry Jam Salsa

It is summertime and the pickings are rich!

As you make use of the abundance of fresh, delicious produce, keep the **Attic Sale** in mind. ECW will be adding a **Bake Shop and Pantry Corner** to the October Fundraiser. Ann Peters is requesting that all cooks put aside a few jars of their favorite chow chow, hot pepper vinegar, bread and butter pickles, pickled okra, jams, jellies, and preserves. Maybe even homemade vanilla. Whatever your specialty happens to be.

A request for baked goods will come closer to the **October 5th and 6th** date of the sale. In the meantime give Ann a call to volunteer to help her man the booth. And get in the kitchen! Don't keep those culinary skills hidden!



Being Safe at Church

Just a brief reminder if you should arrive at the church during regular weekly office hours and find the doors locked, do not be discouraged. Please use the intercom beside the red doors under the covered walkway to let staff inside know you are here and would like to come in. It is quite simple to use, just press and release the button and someone will answer your call as quickly as possible.

In this day and time, we cannot be too careful. Please know that if the doors are locked, it means that only one or two of your church staff is in the building. Those staff members are simply practicing good safety measures.

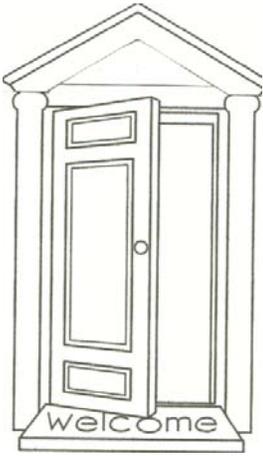
Many thanks for your patience and understanding. *Your Staff*



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.



Foyer is happening once again!

Here is an opportunity to have fun and fellowship with your fellow parishioners. Learn who is the artist, who is the sports fan, who has the most children or grandchildren, and what we all have in common as we enjoy good food, wonderful hospitality and lots of fun.

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 contact Delores Darden (252-946-4606 or 919-522-0854 or wdarden@nc.rr.com) or the church office (jennifer@saintpetersnc.org).



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.



Calling all Elves...Your Chance to run Santa's workshop

Toys for Tots has been a centerpiece of Saint Peter's holiday giving for almost 10 years. It provides an opportunity for our members to serve God and our community while enjoying the company of each other. Mary Parker Liles has faithfully organized this event for 8 years, and the time has now come for her to focus on other responsibilities. Mary Parker has organized all aspects of the program, but the tasks could easily be divided. The basic responsibilities include: several regional planning meetings in Greenville, coordinating with the Rotary club who delivers the toys from donation centers, setting up toys in the parish hall and distributing the toys on pickup day. After the big Sunday event at Saint Peter's, on Monday boxes of toys are packed and picked up by surrounding communities. Toys for Tots has taken place on the second weekend of December. We would like to continue this tradition but we must have one or more Elves to step up and manage Santa's workshop. Mary Parker will turn over the reins of the sleigh to help you get started.

Call Sarah Ninan 252-721-0112