

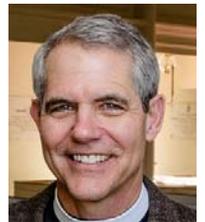
Keynotes

August, 2018



Brothers and Sisters,

We are all aware that nature is governed by seasons. The four great seasons of a given year spring, summer, fall, and winter are fairly predictable, even though they may have extremes and oddities at time. This is summer in North Carolina and we can expect it to be hot and humid with thunderstorms at times. Each season requires us to adjust our lives so that we can carry out the business of living each day to the best of our ability. Seasons keep us grounded to the rhythms of nature, and remind us that we are creatures of earth. They also remind us that God is the Creator.



In the OT God gave his people various feasts and worship dates that commemorated God's saving acts in their history. God often acted in their lives at times marked by the natural seasons. For instance, the Passover took place on the night of the full moon following the vernal equinox (first day of spring). At the Feast of Harvest the Lord commanded the people of Israel to give back a portion of the harvest in recognition of God's blessing to the community.

The Church eventually developed its yearly calendar around the major events of Jesus' life. Since Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week following the Passover meal, Easter or Resurrection Day is intimately tied to this Jewish feast.

"The Church Year consists of two cycles of feasts and holy days: one is dependent upon the movable date of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day; the other, upon the fixed date of December 25, the Feast of our Lord's Nativity or Christmas Day. Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25." BCP p. 15

So think about the date of Easter in 2019. Spring is on March 20 and the full moon following it is on April 19. The date of Passover then is April 19-27. Easter Sunday is April 28th.

Solomon wrote in the Book of Ecclesiastes, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." (3:1) He was not referring to the four seasons but rather to the various moments and events of our lives. The whole of life from birth to death has its times and seasons. *(continued on next page)*¹



**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



During August, both clergy and staff will be taking vacation times which overlap. Please know that the church office will be open during regular office hours and staffed with volunteers to help and direct you in the right direction. In the event of a pastoral emergency, Fr. Fred will be available. He can be reached at 252-940-1623 or by email at fclarkson@diocese-eastcarolina.org. For other congregational concerns, you may contact your Wardens: Marcus Jones (252-944-1065 or mhjones60@yahoo.com) or Picott Harrington (252-495-2575 or picott@jphbuilders.net).

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 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, Sue Beck-friend of the Marles, John Boretti-friend of Ray & Suzanne Heath, Betty Lou Brown-member, Stan Cohen-friend of Ray & Mary Dennis, Mayhew Cox-member, Riffe Culpepper-son of Kathy & Polk Culpepper, Frank Deaner-friend of Dr. Josh & Carol Tayloe, Maria Gachuz-member, Camden Green-friend of Janet Bradbury, Mary Wesley Harvey-member, John Heath-brother of Ray Heath, Mark Henley-member, Stephanie Holder-daughter of Betty & Bill Cochran, Joann Isbell-friend of Doug Cutler, David Jackie-cousin of Sharon Yakubowski, Patti Jackson-friend of Fred & Pat Holscher, Mary Maye-friend of Kathie Kriss, Coly McCauley-son of Nancy Hamblin, Florette Moore-member, Jimi Paderick-Executive Assistant to Bishop Skirving, Roy Parker-member, Jimmy Pendergast-son of Kathie Kriss, Gerald Perry-friend of Conoley Blake, Robin Potts-sister of Riley Roberson, David Roy-brother of Julie Howdy, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Danny Sleeper-friend of Fr. Jim Reed, Katherine Thompson Sowers-family member of Randy Thompson, Paul Wesley Thompson-brother of Randy Thompson, Sis Thornburgh-member, Nena Tyndall-member, Don Vosburgh-friend of Taylor Whichard, 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. Tasha will be off one Sunday each 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!
Next date available is September 9th!



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR AUGUST



August 5, 2018: 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 12, 2018: 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.

August 19, 2018: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rev. Jim Reed.

August 26, 2018: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James S. Hill, Jr., Inda Paul & James S. Hill and Clarissa Bonner Hill by the family.



New Office Hours

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.



Betty Cochran Represents ECW at Triennial in Austin

In her position as United Thank Offering chairperson for the Diocese of East Carolina, Betty Cochran represented Episcopal Church Women of East Carolina. Along with Annie Jacobs, Diocesan ECW president; Ginger Jacocks, Diocesan vice-president; and Zona Townsley, Betty was among the 234 voting delegates to Triennial, the Episcopal Church Women's branch of the Episcopal Church's international convention held June 3-12 in Austin, Texas.



In 2017, United Thank Offering raised \$1,283,216.21. Of this amount, the Diocese of East Carolina raised \$23,988.20. It was Betty's privilege to present this amount to the UTO President Sandra Squires of the Diocese of Nebraska and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in a service of worship, praise, and gratitude in Austin on June 8.

Traditionally, every penny raised through the gratitude of women, men, and children is used to fund grants to seminarians and church communities. This year, the theme of the granting process was "Becoming Beloved Community: Racial Healing, Reconciliation, and Justice." Grants funded in Province IV, of which the Diocese of East Carolina is a part, include "Training for Racial Justice and Reconciliation" \$31,681, "Healing the Next Generation: Relationships, Resiliency, and Social/Emotional Learning" \$48,000, and "Voorhees Scholars Program" \$7,700.

The Blue Box is the symbol of United Thank Offering. Practicing gratitude and thankfulness is a discipline encouraged of all women, men and children.

Saint Peter's traditionally is a generous supporter of United Thank Offering. Blue Boxes can be found throughout the church. Pick up one, take it home, and begin or continue your personal discipline of thankfulness and gratitude by dropping a coin or bill into your blue box for the blessings of your life.

The next UTO Ingathering at Saint Peter's will be in November.



Picture caption: Betty Cochran presents check for \$23,988.20, the UTO contributions from the churches in the Diocese of East Carolina to UTO President Sandra Squires and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at Triennial in Austin, Texas in June.

Tyler Woodworth Bronzino, son of Nanette Woodworth, entered into the threshold of eternal life on July 31, 2018. A funeral service will be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Greenville, NC on August 25, 2018 at 4pm with a reception to follow.

A fund has been established here at Saint Peter's to support Nanette in memory of her son. The fund is intended to help her as she transitions to the priesthood in the next two years.

If you would like to contribute, please make a check payable to Saint Peter's Episcopal Church and memo it IMT.

Blessings, Fr. Jim



Fall Adult Education



Why Study the Bible in Groups?

An old friend of mine and priest in the Diocese of Southern Va. would always say to me; Diane you cannot study the Bible alone. The older I became the more I began to understand what he meant. It is the conversation around the table that expands and helps the word come alive.

On Sunday September 9, 2018, we begin our study of the first part of Isaiah. Isaiah is one of the most beautifully written parts of the Old Testament. It invites us into the poetry and metaphor of the 8th century and gives us a glimpse of the history and culture.

Kathleen Kennedy will be with us to lead us in a review of Isaiah chapters 1-23. We will pick up with chapter 24 the following Sunday and continue our conversation.

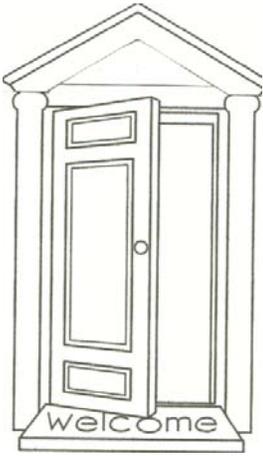
The class continues to meet at 9:00am to 9:45am in the Woolard room. So, grab a cup of coffee and join the dialog. We look forward to having you as part of the conversation. It is during this exchange of ideas that we truly begin to know one another.

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

There are still spaces available 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



Sunday September 9th

**One worship service at 10am in the church
followed by the Annual Parish Picnic**

The Annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday Sept. 9th from 11am to 1pm in All Saints' Hall & the churchyard. The main dish and drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside of Jennifer's office for folks to sign up and designate what side dish or dessert they will bring to share. There will be games for the kids, as well as, an opportunity for our church family to come together for fellowship. If you are interested in helping set up/clean up please call Catherine Pfeiffer at 945-4895. Hope to see you there!



ECW MEETING IN THE MUSIC ROOM ON
SEPTEMBER 5th at 9:30am

It seems like it was yesterday that we were all together for our annual covered dish luncheon at Carol Tayloe's beautiful home, and now we are looking forward to an exciting program for our 2018-2019 meetings. Our first meeting will be at 9:30am in the Music Room, and our guest speaker will be our own Father Fred who will speak to us about the immigrant issues in Eastern North Carolina which is a big talking point not just here but everywhere. Hope to see you there.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Our committee of volunteers is gearing up soon to feed our little friends at Eastern Elementary this year. Monetary donations are always appreciated for grocery shopping. Your checks may be made payable to St. Peter's Church, with "BPB" on the memo line. If you'd rather buy actual food, the food bin will be in Gardner Hall in early September. On behalf of the children, their parents/guardians and their teachers, thank you for your kindness and generosity!





Eagle's Wings Food Pantry

CHRISTIAN LOVE IN ACTION BEAUFORT COUNTY'S LARGEST FOOD PANTRY
P.O. Box 426, 932 West 3rd Street
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(252) 975-1138 FAX: (252) 975-1108
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The Mission of Eagle's Wings is to alleviate hunger in Beaufort County, NC

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Because of 2 unexpected circumstances, Eagle's Wings finds that its shelves are suffering from lack of healthy food items. The post office did not hold its annual food drive for us, and the Food Bank of the Albemarle also has less inventory for us to order from.

ITEMS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY:

**CANNED SOUPS
CANNED FRUITS
WHITE AND/OR BROWN RICE
PEANUT BUTTER**

We will gladly accept any and all donations of canned or boxed non-perishable items!!

Donations can be dropped off any morning between 9am – noon.

THANK YOU!!!!!!



Fighting hunger and poverty in northeast North Carolina

Serving Beaufort, Bertie, Currituck, Currocan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Watauga Counties.



It's not too late! Though October is just around the corner, you still have time to sort out those things stashed in your closets, under your bed, in the basement or garage and in the attic. ECW will be happy to receive your **Attic Sale donations starting September 29th until October 4**, leaving time to display and price your treasures.

Also, start thinking of your kitchen specialty that you would like to contribute to the **Bake Shop and Pantry Corner**. There should be lots of yummy cakes, cookies, jams and pickles to offer the shoppers.

Sign up for workers of all kinds will begin in September. Men and women will be needed to make the **Attic Sale** a success on **October 5th and 6th**.

2019 Vestry Nominations



If you or someone you know is or might be interested in being a candidate for the 2019 vestry, please contact Marcus Jones by the end of September. (252-944-1065 or mhjones60@hotmail.com) Before nominating someone, please talk with the individual first to make sure they are interested. We begin this process now to allow the nominating committee sufficient time to do their work, and to allow potential candidates more time to prayerfully consider their decision regarding the 3-year term. Thank you!

The eligibility requirements for service on the Vestry are as follows. The nominee must be:

1. 16 years of age or older;
2. Be an active member of the Episcopal Church and Saint Peter's Parish;
3. A confirmed communicant in good standing, a regular attendee at the Eucharist;
4. A contributor of record, actively helping to support the life and ministry of this parish.

Almighty God, we ask you with your gracious favor to look upon our schools, that knowledge may grow among us and all good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look unto you who is the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Junior Choir begins Wednesday September 12th at 5:30pm in the Music Suite. (Ages 1st Grade and up)

Summer has almost ended and it is time to get back on schedule. Senior Choir will begin evening rehearsals on the 5th of September. Junior Choir will begin the following Wednesday, September 12th. I am looking forward to the fellowship we all enjoy in the music program.

We are in need of some new voices as we have lost several members recently due to relocation. I urge you to consider making choir part of your worship life. Remember, "he who sings prays twice." All of us need to pray more so why not join us on Wednesday evenings and blend your voice with ours. You will be blessed as well as the worshipping congregation.

I also want to encourage all children from 1st grade up to become a part of Junior Choir. This is a great group to become a part of. We have quite a bit of fun as we learn music to enhance our worship services. We also learn the liturgy of the church. When you consider that the liturgy and hymns draw heavily from scripture you can consider choir to be a kind of Bible Study. Certainly you want your children to participate in this! Sweet treats always end the singing session.

Thank you for your continued support of our music program and please consider joining us on Wednesdays. We are also hopeful to get the handbells up and going again. If you have an interest in ringing let me know.