

# Keynotes

January, 2019



## *Jesus Christ The Apple Tree*

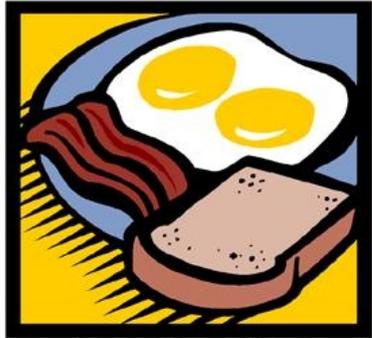
*One of the pieces the choir sang at Christmas was the hauntingly beautiful “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.” This text, which dates to the 18th century has been set to a number of tunes. The version we sang was composed by Elizabeth Poston in the 20th Century. When the text first appeared in 1761 in London’s “Spiritual Magazine”, it was credited to the Reverend Richard Hutchins, a Baptist minister. The song is often thought to be an allusion to the apple tree in the Song of Solomon. That passage can be interpreted as a metaphor representing Jesus. The allusion also refers to Jesus as the tree of life in Luke and other New Testament passages. The popularity of the song at Christmas comes from the tradition of wassailing. This was the ancient pagan custom of wishing health to the apple trees. It is thought that the song gained popularity as an attempt to Christianize this pagan tradition of seeking fertility of the trees. Whatever the reason, the song is beautiful. The text follows:*

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green. The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Jesus Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel. By faith I know but ne'er can tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought and pleasures dearly I have bought. I missed of all but now I see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil. Here I will sit and rest a while. Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive. It keeps my dying faith alive. This makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*The text is beautiful and so is the tune. Thank you for your kind comments and you will certainly hear this song again. Enjoy!*

*Doug*

# BREAKFAST



# FELLOWSHIP

## Join us Every Sunday for Breakfast!

Yes, EVERY Sunday at 9a.m. we will serve breakfast in All Saints' Hall. We hope that this will serve as a time of fellowship between our two services. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends, meet parishioners you may not already know, invite a friend to come to church or ask a stranger on the street to come and join us.

See you Sunday morning!



Thank you for your Christmas Offering donations to the Disaster Relief Fund, as well as, the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Many needs will be met thanks to your generosity!



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](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org) or call 946-8151.



## Giving to Saint Peter's has never been easier!

\*Automatic Bank Drafts

\*Automatic Credit/Debit Card Payments

\*Gifts of Securities

\*If you are over 70 1/2, consider directing all or a portion of your RMD from your IRA to the church.

Please check with your tax advisor to see if you would benefit from using any of these options.

If interested in any of these options, email or call Jennifer Spivey at the church office. (946-8151, [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto: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](http://www.saintpetersnc.org).

Our Financial Assistance Committee accepts requests from those in need of assistance with utilities and rent each Monday. Donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund support these needs and are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to St. Peter's with "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. You can also donate online via the website at [www.saintpetersnc.org](http://www.saintpetersnc.org).



## Office Hours

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

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Ken Hadley-Outreach  
Julie Howdy-Pastoral Care  
Val Johnson-Visionary Commission  
Rachael Miller-Education  
Catherine Pfeiffer-Parish Life  
Katherine Tate-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.

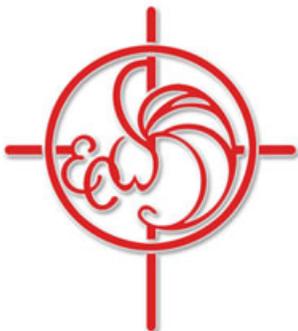
**Please Pray for:** David Barillaro–friend of Kathie Kriss, Fred Beachler–nephew of Michael Beachler, Jock Beachler–brother of Michael Beachler, Sue Beck–friend of Jay & Bernice Marle, Shannon Bowen–friend of the Harringtons, Nancy Chaffee–member, Betty Cochran–member, The Rev. Polk Culpepper–friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, Riffe Culpepper–friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, Pat DeVivo–friend of Kathie Kriss, Pappy Fowle–cousin of Dr. Josh Tayloe & Athy Cooper, Camden Green–friend of Janet Bradbury, Mary Wesley Harvey–member, John Keais Hoyt–friend of Saint Peter’s, Dawn Johnston–daughter-in-law of Sharon Johnston, Coly McCauley–son of Nancy Hamblin, Bill McFeely–friend of the Mitchells, Craig McPherson–son-in-law of Seb & Nadine Barrett, Jimi Paderick–Executive Assistant to Bishop Skirving, Ann Peters–member, Sarah Purvis–friend of Peggy Hudson, Acra Samuels–daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Pam Savage–friend of the Marles, Owen Shiflet–friend of Marcus & Lilly Jones, Carol Sime–cousin of Sandy Mitchell, Jay Simmons–nephew of Betty & Bill Cochran, Alice Stallings–member, Paul Stevenson–grandson of Dill Lynch, John Stowell –brother of Aynn Hadley, Linda Strader–mother of Stacey Lynch, Avett Wallace Such–nephew of William & Cindy Cochran, Frances Tankard–friend of Kay Sharpe, Phillip Taylor–member, Stephanie Teal–niece of Michael Beachler, Nena Tyndall–member, Don Vosburgh–friend of Taylor Whichard, 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!



## ECW Meeting in the Music Room on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

Our speaker on February 6<sup>th</sup> is our own Trish Litchfield who leads our wonderful devotions. Trish will continue our theme of renowned Episcopal females telling us about Anna Julia Haywood Cooper who was born a slave and became an educator and the first black feminist. Please join us to hear her amazing story presented at our February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.





## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

January 6: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Sue & Swanson Graves, Jr. by the family.

January 13: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dena Angel & John Gray Blount, Leonora Blount & James Kelly, Joan & Jim Lowry, and Jimmy Lowry by the family.

January 20: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Bond & John Lucas, Johnny Lucas, Mary Ann & Joe Archie, and Lisa Vaughn by Bet & Tom Archie.

The flowers on the altar are also given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard E. Phelan, and in honor of Elizabeth L. Phelan's 80th birthday with love by the family.

January 27: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Thompson Dumont Litchfield, Elizabeth Bowers Litchfield, Lucy & Frank Bowers, Grey & Jarl Bowers, Tennys & Charlie Bowers, Lt. Col John Litchfield, Mary Litchfield, and Betty & Ford Little by the Family.



*Our condolences are extended to:*

*The Family and Friends of Walter Young who died December 22, 2018.*

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

*The staff of St. Peter's extend to you, our parishioners and friends, our heartfelt thanks for your generosity at Christmas. We are touched that you thought about us, even though you have families of your own with many responsibilities. It is such a privilege for us to work among you as we serve God in a myriad of ways. We are so blessed by our interactions with the members of St. Peter's. Thank you again for our wonderful Christmas blessings!*

### Prayer Team



Contact Person: Julie Howdy---Please call (252)944-6321, 24/7 Day or Night for emergency and crisis situations or any serious or pressing problems. We are here for you when you need support and the power of prayer immediately. New members are always welcome.



**POLAR CHALLENGE!** It's that time of year again! Time to raise funds for Rise Against Hunger. If you are committed to doing your part to stop world hunger and have a little crazy streak, then this is for you. We will be jumping in the river as a group on February 9<sup>th</sup> to raise money to purchase food for our packing event. Our goal is to raise \$3,000. If you would like to help, sign up on the bulletin board beside the Main Street entrance. You will need to commit to raising \$100 (suggest 10 contributors

at \$10 each) and be at 719 Short Drive (the Tate's) at 4:00pm on Saturday, February 9th. We will jump in the river, get dried off, warm up and enjoy some hot drinks. Invite your sponsors to come cheer you on (and take pictures, of course). Contact Judy Van Dorp (252-367-5419) if you have questions. If you are unable to jump in the river on the coldest day of the year but still want to help, sponsor one of your fellow parishioners. We will be publishing the 'jumpers' names so you'll know who to support. **We need about 30 jumpers to make this work! Great project for teenagers!** THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



## Literacy Volunteers Needed!



Beaufort County Literacy Volunteers will offer a Tutor Training class in January. Class will include three in-person sessions and online assignments. Time and dates will be selected by consensus of participants. If you would like to join this group, or would like more information, please call 974-1812 and pre-register. Literacy Volunteers provide one on one free tutoring for legal adults in Beaufort County who need to improve their reading, writing, speaking and math skills. They can help with basic computer skills, the GED, CRC, ASVAB and other employability tests. Volunteers are also needed to help tutor detainees in the local jail. The sessions are always held in public places and the tutor/student pair usually meet for 90 minutes per week. Contact 974-1812 for further information or visit the website at [www.beaufortcoliteracy.org](http://www.beaufortcoliteracy.org).



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Put Christ back in Christmas!

The Christmas Honor Card Program was a great success! Thanks to everyone's participation, we were able to distribute the following:

Open Door Community Center-\$912

Rector's Discretionary Fund-\$698

Boys & Girls Club-\$282

Pamlico Rose Institute-\$213

Project No Rest-\$155

Marion Shepard Cancer Center-\$650

Total \$2,910

## Grey Worley Bowers Memorial Organ Fund Annual Report 2018

### Consolidated Statement

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - \$95,060.92

Annual income year-to-date: \$2091.35 (2.2%)

Memorial Fund - \$83,185.37 inviolate

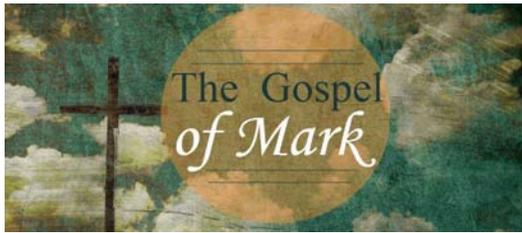
Maintenance Fund - \$11,875.55

### Maintenance expenditures 2018

Lewtak Pipe Organ Builders' seasonal tuning

2/18/2018: \$400.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Sallie Scales  
Bill Cochran  
James Leach



## **6 Week Bible Study: Interpreting the Gospel of Mark**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> – February 24<sup>th</sup>**

The gospel of Mark was the first gospel written, somewhere between 60-80 AD. Was this an existing genre or a new one? What are the distinctive elements in the gospel genre? What do we mean by Christology? What do we mean by the secrecy motif in Mark? What parables does Mark focus on? What are the expectations for disciples of Jesus in the gospel of Mark?

These are just a few of the many questions that we will address in this upcoming Bible Study. This class will be lead by Nanette Woodworth, St. Peter's Intern and Candidate for Holy Orders.

This Bible Study will be offered on Sundays at 4pm or Wednesdays at 4pm. You may choose whichever day is more convenient for your schedule. Bring your bible! Contact Nanette Woodworth for more information. woodworthnl@gmail.com

### ***Saint Peter's Visitation Ministry***



*For those who are in a nursing home, hospital or unable to leave home, a visit from a member of the church family brings a bit of sunshine to their day. We are looking for volunteers to visit members and families in need of cheer. If you would like to learn more about the visitation ministry, please contact Laura Bliley at 252-495-3008. If you know someone that may be in need of this ministry, contact the church office or Laura Bliley.*

**The Cursillo reunion group will meet  
Sunday January 20th at 11:30am for lunch at  
Ribeye's Restaurant on the waterfront.**

