

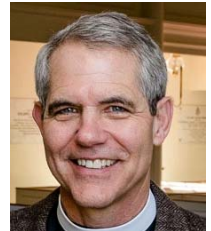
# Keynotes

January 2020



## Grace Upon Grace

*"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."*  
1 Corinthians 3:1 NRSV



President Reagan always had two things on his desk in the oval office. One was a jar of jellybeans of which he was fond of saying, "You can tell a lot about a fella by whether he just grabs a handful or picks out a particular color." The second was a small plaque which read, "There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he does not mind who gets the credit."

I've been fortunate during my time at St. Peter's to have a great staff in both Doug and Jennifer. You might say I've been doubly blessed because I did not have to hire or train them, they were here when I arrived. Truth be told, they did most of the training.

When I first arrived at St. Peter's, I hit the ground running. I needed all the help I could get. Not only was I trying to figure out where the grocery store was and unpack boxes, I was also trying to learn the names of parishioners and figure out what to change or not change on Sunday morning. This was quite typical of any new clergy's experience. Throw in a wedding, an unexpected funeral along with dinner invitations and a myriad of church, diocesan and community meetings; it's not long before a new Priest's head is completely spinning. A competent staff sensitive to the needs of their colleague and willing to help the Priest is a God send. Doug and Jennifer have graciously offered me help in all of these areas from the very first day we started working together.

Another blessing. You don't always like or get along with the people you work with. This is just a reality. Mature people recognize this, establish boundaries and respect each other's space. To actually enjoy the company of the people you serve with makes the difficult times much more palatable. I have benefited by both Doug's and Jennifer's wisdom. We've encouraged each other when one is struggling, and we certainly have shared many laughs. Our friendship did not spill over into our private lives. When we left at the end of the day, we sought to protect each other's privacy and only contact the other if it was absolutely necessary for our work.

Finally, we've maintained a level of trust with each other. They have always had my back and I theirs. When we've had what conflict there was, we faced it head on confronting each other so that we could work it out. Our word has been our bond to one another. Thus, we've been able to trust each other, and this has given us a great deal of freedom to make decisions and carry out our work in one another's absence.

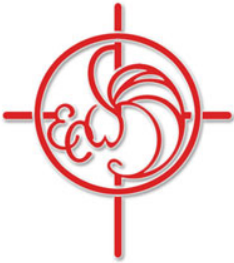
So, as I finish this final contribution to Keynotes, let me publicly say thank you Jennifer and Doug for helping me finish this last leg of my journey as a Rector. It has been an honor, joy and fun serving St. Peter's with you. Sine die.

Faithfully,

Fr. Jim

*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!*

### **ECW Meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Music Suite**



Four years ago our February speaker was Jeff Jenkins who talked about his book, "I Found Him". We are delighted to tell you that Jeff will be speaking to us again on February 5<sup>th</sup> telling us about his second book, "Emanuel God With Us", in which the author/photographer teaches simple life lessons using the lens of a camera. Please join us at this meeting and give Jeff a very warm welcome to our Saint Peter's ECW.

### **Sack Lunch Ministry**



If you are interested in providing 15 lunches for Zion Shelter visitors, please sign up on the sheet posted outside Jennifer's office. Easy-to-follow instructions are posted as well. Several dates are available.

**The Cursillo reunion group will meet  
Sunday February 16th at 11:30am for lunch  
at The Meeting Place downtown.**



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 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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### Vestry Organization

Swanson Graves-Senior Warden  
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Laura Bliley-Pastoral Care  
Michael Behar-Stewardship  
Ken Hadley-Clerk  
Rachael Miller-Education  
Carol Nash-Rector Search Liaison  
Catherine Pfeiffer-Outreach  
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:** All of our Military and their families, **David Barillaro**-friend of Kathie Kriss, **Betsy Beamon**-sister of Cindy Cochran, **Sue Beck**-friend of Jay & Bernice Marle, **Brandon Blount**-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, **Lynda Blount**-friend of Janet Bradbury, **Maria Bonitez**-friend of Ann Peters, **Charlotte Grace Buckner**-granddaughter of Bruce & JJ Jarvah, **Bob Byrum**-member, **Hazel Caldwell**-cousin of Mary Parker Liles, **Evie Cohen**-friend of Mavis Burns, **Blake Collie** -friend of Susan Dawson & Davis Jones, **Riffe Culpepper** -son of The Rev. Polk & Cathy Culpepper, **Peggy Daniels & Family**-daughter of Leslie Whitehurst, **Mike & Pat DeVivo**-friends of Kathie Kriss, **Camden Green**-friend of Janet Bradbury, **Scott Harris**-husband of Paige Harris, **Banks Liles**-friend of Fred Holscher, **Jimmy Linson**- friend of Leslie Whitehurst, **Ann Mackey**-friend of Cathy & Henry Capogna, **Jay Marle**-member, **Helen Nicholson**-sister-in-law of Katherine Mitchell, **Jessica O'Brien**-granddaughter of Leslie Whitehurst, **Pat Pate**-friend of Ann Peters, **Verna Perry**-friend of Saint Peter's, **Ann Peters**-member, **Charlotte Reynolds**-friend of Jean Sterling, **Acra Samuels**-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, **Mary Satchell**-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, **Mark Shippy**-friend of John Thompson, **Jackie Smilth**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Larry Smithwick**-friend of William & Cindy Cochran, **Raymond Spencer**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **David Steenbergen & Family**-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, **Linda Strader**-mother of Stacey Lynch, **Austin Tate**-friend of St. Peter's, **Bobby Tetterton**-brother-in-law of Bonita Arvizu, **Gary Tyler**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Sue Walker**-friend of the Marles, **Martha Wall**-member, **Heather Williams**-member, **Barbara Winfield**-member.



*Our condolences are extended to:*

*Nancy Hamblin and family on the death of her son, Coly McCauley.*

*Julie Howdy and family on the death of her brother, David Roy.*

*The Family and Friends of Charles Moore*

*The Family and Friends of Jack Midyette*

*The Family and Friends of Patti Campbell*

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

The ECW has always supported our parish family and community at large. One of the many ways we show our love and concern for our church family is through the Funeral Foods Ministry. We are always looking for women and men who would be willing to join one of the 4 teams who provide a meal or refreshments at the time of losing a loved one. We have fabulous team leaders who can always use more help! If you would like to join this rewarding ministry please contact me at [pamhodes@live.com](mailto:pamhodes@live.com) or 943-4464. I look forward to hearing from you! Pam Hodges



## JANUARY 2020 ALTAR FLOWERS



January 5, 2020: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the lives of Sue & Swanson Graves, Jr. by the family.

January 12, 2020: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dena Angel & John Gray Blount, Leonora Blount & James Kelley, Joan & Jim Lowry, and Jimmie Lowry by the family.

January 19, 2020: Today's altar flowers 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.

*And*

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Richard E. Phelan by his family.

January 26, 2020: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and to honor and thank Father Jim Reed for 36 years of compassionate ministry by Marilee Reed.



*Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.*

### Back Pack Buddies

Thank you to all of you who have given so generously this year to the Back Pack Buddies ministry. You were especially generous over the holidays. Our shelves are full and we are ready to feed our friends in this New Year!

*Thank you for all the kind and supportive notes, prayers and thoughts after the passing of my son, Coly. He was a loving, generous and kind man and his children, sister, friends and I thank God for having known and loved him.*

*Peace, Nancy Hamblin*



## Rector Search Committee

The Vestry will soon move forward to form a search committee for the selection of a new Rector. The Diocesan Transition Officer will meet with the Vestry to discuss the search process and train them on how to proceed with the committee selection. The search committee will be comprised of a cross-section of parishioners. If you know someone who you feel would be a good candidate for the committee, please contact any vestry member or the church office.

2020 Vestry: Swanson Graves, Richard Andrews, Mike Behar, Laura Bliley, Ken Hadley, Rachael Miller, Carol Nash, Catherine Pfeiffer, Katherine Tate



A huge shout out goes to all the people attending the Saint Peter's Christmas Eve services for their more than generous financial gifts to the Rector's Discretionary Fund gathered during the offertory hymn. Your Christmas offering was additionally supported through the purchase of Christmas gift cards organized by members of the church's Outreach Committee and we are very grateful for those contributions as well.

As you are aware, the Rector's Discretionary Fund allows members of the Saint Peter's Financial Assistance Program to provide much needed monetary aid to our neighbors that struggle financially to provide for basic needs such as shelter, utilities, and medical expenses. All monies contributed are used to benefit residents of the City of Washington and Beaufort County. Thank you for truly being the light of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Deacon Katherine