

Keynotes

December, 2019



Financial Assistance Program News- Deacon Katherine

It has been a very busy year for your Financial Assistance Program volunteers. All the credit for our endeavors and ability to help those in need over the past twelve months is because of your generosity! We have assisted people in weathering hurricanes, loss of jobs, illnesses, devastating fires, and deaths in the family.



Most Monday mornings will find four volunteers helping people complete our required paperwork, reviewing files, photocopying, and greeting those looking for some help with the basic necessities of life such as utility bills, rent, medical expenses and a variety of other needs. It will likely surprise many of you to know that on average we interview and support eight or more families weekly. Over the past year we provided monetary support to 325 families that live in our community, either in Washington or elsewhere in Beaufort County. Your financial gifts are directly supporting our neighbors.

We are always curious about how people know about our work here at Saint Peter's. Those seeking our help learn about the program through word of mouth, other churches, the Department of Social Services, the court system, the Salvation Army, schools, and homeless shelters. We all work together so we do not duplicate services while meeting the needs of those requesting assistance.

Our decision-making as to how much money we can give to each family is naturally guided by the monies available in the Rector's Discretionary Fund, though assuring an emergency contiguity amount is present. We try to balance out our resources with the number of people in need. We are diligent about being good stewards of your Discretionary Fund. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to learn and share about the numerous resources that are available in our area. We had speakers from Inner Banks Legal Services, BCCC, and NCWorks educate us on tenants' rights, child support, educational alternatives, as well as job training and employment opportunities within the county. Perhaps most importantly, we provide spiritual support, compassionate care, and our love to those who often find us as the last resource they can look to for help.

One of the women we assisted told us that she learned about Saint Peter's while in a waiting room at Beaufort Vidant Hospital. Sharing her dire need with a stranger, that

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person told her, “go to Saint Peter’s. They will not let you down!” Senior Warden, Sarah Ninan, says the Rector’s Discretionary Fund administered by our Financial Assistance Program is truly a leap of faith. Our joint faith says that together and with God’s help we can do anything. Saint Peter’s is truly blessed and Saint Peter’s is a blessing to our community! If you want to know how you can become more involved in this outreach program, please be in touch with me. Thank you for sharing and participating in this important faith journey.

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**CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT**



Children’s Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Our children will act out the wondrous story of the birth of Jesus on Tuesday, December 24 at 4pm. All children are invited to participate in the pageant. Rehearsals are Sundays December 15 and 22 promptly at 9am in the church. Contact Austin Andrews for more information. (252-945-8128, austinandrews82@gmail.com)

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 December 15th 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 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)

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.

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.



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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: Billy Anderson-son-in-law of Barbara & Dewey Walker, 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, Mavis Burns-member, Bob Byrum-member, Patti Campbell-member, Shirley Causby-friend of Ann Peters, Betty Christian-member, Betty Cochran-member, Grace Cochran-granddaughter of Bill & Betty Cochran, 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, Justin Ferguson-friend of Jean Sterling, Camden Green-friend of Janet Bradbury, Scott Harris-husband of Paige Harris, Mary Wesley Harvey-member, Bill House-uncle of Sharon Yakubowski, J.J. Jarvah-member, Peggy Jefferson-friend of Jean Sterling, Banks Liles-friend of Fred Holscher, Ann Mackey-friend of Cathy & Henry Capogna, Jay Marle-member, Coly McCauley-son of Nancy Hamblin, Jackie Midyette-friend of Rosalyn Edwards, Verna Perry-friend of Saint Peter's, Ann Peters-member, Charlotte Reynolds-friend of Jean Sterling, David Roy-brother of Julie Howdy, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Mary Satchell-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, Larry Smithwick-friend of William & Cindy Cochran, David Steenbergen & Family-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Linda Strader-mother of Stacey Lynch, Bobby Tetterton-brother-in-law of Bonita Arvizu, Sue Walker-friend of the Marles, Martha Wall-member, Barbara Winfield-member.



Help us decorate for Christmas!

We are still receiving monetary contributions to cover the cost of wreaths, poinsettias and other decorations for the church. You may give these gifts in memory or honor of a loved one. Please stop by the office with your contributions and information by Tuesday, December 17th at noon.

Distribution day is Sunday, December 15th in All Saints' Hall. Lots of hands needed! Come join us if you can!



December 2019 Altar Flowers



The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God in Praise and Thanksgiving for the continued healing of our beloved daughter, Acra Hackney Samuels, by Hodges and Marsha Hackney.

Sunday, December 1: Today's altar greenery is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah & John Campbell, Tommy Campbell and Mary Anne & Jimmy Larkin by the family.

Sunday, December 8: Today's altar greenery is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Fowle and Elizabeth "Tay" Fowle Carter by their children and grandchildren.

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Today's altar greenery is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Julian & Virginia Smith, Julian Smith, Jr., Mary Butler Todd and Lindsay C. Warren, Jr., by Mary Todd Warren.

Sunday, December 15: Today's altar greenery is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher Francisco by his family.

Sunday, December 22: Today's altar greenery is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lucy Bowers & Jimmy Johnston, Ruby King and Jim Moore by the family.

Christmas, December 25: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Annie Cutler, Mary Wilson, Marianna Franklin and Tillie Jackson.

Sunday, December 29: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sallie Carrow & Arthur Graham Elliott, Sarah & Harvey Elliott, Dorothy & Graham Elliott, and Harvey Elliott, Jr. by the family.

Remember Back Pack Buddies in your holiday giving!



Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.

This holiday season please consider making a donation to the Back Pack Buddies program. You may wish to make it in a loved one's memory or in honor of someone special. The person or family you honor will receive an acknowledgement card from the church.

Saint Peter's parishioners are now feeding **17** children at Eastern Elementary School - the largest number of "buddies" in the almost 9 years we've been involved! Contributions of any size are wisely used and greatly appreciated! Checks may be made payable to Saint Peter's Church with "BPB" on the memo line. If you would rather purchase the food yourself, please make sure to buy individual servings and place in the bin in the atrium. Thank you so much!



Just a quick note to remind everyone that if you receive a suspicious email or text from Fr. Jim or any of your staff asking for donations to purchase gift cards, send money to paypal, etc., please know that it is a scam. If you ever receive a questionable email from the church or any of us on staff, please call the church office to verify BEFORE taking any action. 252-946-8151

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 22nd at 10 am.

This beautiful service consists of nine scripture lessons, carols and anthems, and prayers. The lessons tell the story of creation and man's fall from grace and subsequent redemption through the birth of Jesus Christ. There is no Holy Communion at this service.

The first service of Lessons and Carols was created many years ago by Archbishop Edward Benson for Truro Cathedral in England. The service gained great popularity across England and is now observed throughout the world. Archbishop Edwards originally saw this service as an opportunity to use music as a tool to get people into church that might not otherwise attend a service. That is why the lessons give an overview of creation and salvation.

Everyone, including our children, will be blessed by the beautiful music of our wonderful choir. We look forward to seeing you Sunday morning!



End of Year Pledge Payments

Please note the church office will be closed from December 24th through December 27th and again on January 1st. You can place your payment in the offering plate during any of the services or simply mail your pledge payment to the church. (PO Box 985) If you wish to claim for 2019 tax purposes, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2019.

2020 Pledge Certificate Reminder

Please remember to turn in your 2020 Pledge Certificate to the church office as soon as possible. If for some reason you have not received one or have misplaced it, please call or email Jennifer at the church office and she will be glad to help you. (946-8151 or jennifer@saintpetersnc.org)

To My Church:

I want to personally thank you for the honor and privilege of allowing me to serve on St. Peter's Vestry these past 3 years. It has been a very rewarding experience as I have worked side by side with some wonderful people and have learned so much about our church.

I have been the vestry person for Pastoral Care my entire three years which has allowed me to really see that it is the heart and soul of the church. These years have been filled with many people all doing God's work to help others. Pastoral care ministries make the love of God visible to all parishioners. We provide food for the sick through **Angel Food**, assist with **Funeral food** by hosting receptions, **Visit the homebound** or those in the hospital or nursing home, welcome **Newcomers** into our church, and pray for those in need with our **Prayer Team**.

Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of St. Peter's and has truly blessed our congregation.

I have witnessed first-hand the difference you are making to so many, and I want you to know how truly appreciated you are!

God Bless, Julie Howdy



The Christmas Honor Card Program is returning to Saint Peter's this fall. The Christmas Honor Card Program is an opportunity for Saint Peter's members to donate to one or more designated local, non-profit agencies during the Christmas season.

For each minimum donation of \$5.00 participants will receive a beautiful "honor card" featuring the chosen agency, which can be given to family members or friends as a Christmas gift. This is a convenient way to do one-stop Christmas shopping and support needy agencies in our community.

Look for **The Christmas Honor Card Program** table in the atrium after the 8am and 10am services on:

December: 15,22

We look forward to your continuing support of this important ministry.

Questions: contact Aynn Hadley

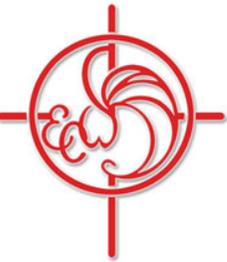
(252-946-7282 home, 252-394-4028 cell or kennyhads@gmail.com)

If you would like to call in for prayer, we are open to receive requests from anyone in our church and we welcome you to call anytime, 24/7. Upon receiving the request, prayer will begin immediately. What a comfort to know others are praying for your loved one. We all know how mighty prayer can be; so please give me a call and sign up to be a part of this vital ministry.



Thank you, Julie Howdy
252-944-6321

Many Thanks to the Bakers and Buyers!!

A red circular logo with a stylized white design inside, possibly representing the letters "ECW".

ECW is very appreciative of the great participation of bakers and buyers in the *Baking for the People at the Border Crises Project*. I have heard from several who purchased a pie or cake. They were very complimentary of the cooks! With your help ECW will send a check for \$400 to the Diocesan ECW as Saint Peter's contribution to the Border Crises Project. **Thank You!!**

ECW MEETING IN THE MUSIC ROOM ON JANUARY 8th AT 9:30 A.M.

It is hard to believe that 2020 is almost here. We are excited to start the new year with a very enthusiastic and motivated speaker. Amy Brewer is the Hospital Care Consultant employed by Community Hospice. She has held this position for six years. We look forward to hearing Amy, and I am sure many of us will have questions for her. See you on January 8th at 9:30am in the Music Room.



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

4pm Pageant & Holy Eucharist

8pm Festival of Music , 8:30pm Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

10am Holy Eucharist, with Carols and Sermon

Sunday, December 29

8am & 10am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, January 1

No Wednesday Services

****The Church Office will be closed December 24-27 and January 1st.****