

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

March 2020



Dear Friends,

As Bishop Skirving has reminded us, on more than one occasion, that while public worship services are currently suspended until the end of March, Church has not closed. Your vestry, clergy, and staff are exploring and enacting ways in which Saint Peter's will continue to thrive and function during this unprecedented time as we struggle with challenges presented by COVID-19. Deacon Katherine is available for spiritual support as needed.



We have been in touch with some of our parishioners who may be more susceptible to contracting coronavirus to inform them that a group of volunteers has agreed to shop and run errands for those people not wanting to have contact with the general public. This service is available to any parishioner by telephoning either Deacon Katherine (617-721-6614) or the church office (252-946-8151). Because you are important to us, social distancing and proper hygiene will be maintained to ensure everyone's health and well-being.

You may be unaware that Food Lion provides both a pick-up or delivery service for a modest fee for customers. To access this service, go to the app store on your mobile telephone, search for "**Food Lion to Go,**" download the app, and you are ready to shop without leaving your home or pick up from the Washington Square Mall shopping center.

Meals on Wheels continues to deliver their meals to our most vulnerable elderly and ill neighbors. However, they are in dire need of drivers to assure that all meals are delivered. If you are willing and able to drive, please contact Angela Spencer at the Department of Social Services. She may be reached by telephone at 252-940-6040.

Our diocesan website, <https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org> will provide information about supportive resources available, as well as any changes that impact our lives together as church. Bishop Skirving will continue to provide a weekly worship service through the diocesan Facebook page at **Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina**. Please check the webpage for the day and time.

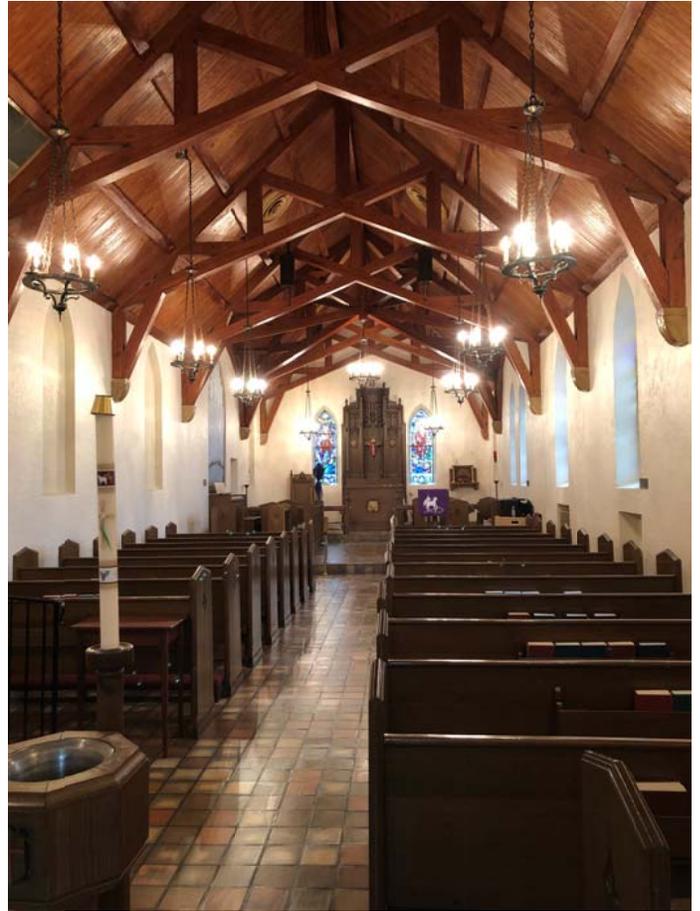
You may find the following website helpful in providing practices to help calm our anxious minds during this time of uncertainty. Spiritual practices such as these provide can soothe our fearful hearts and doubting minds. *(continued on next page)*

<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/practices/features/view/28853/spiritual-practices-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

Remember the words of our Lord Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

Faithfully,
Deacon Katherine

**Brown Chapel is
even more
beautiful!**



**The Cursillo reunion group will meet
Sunday April 19th 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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Mon-Thurs 8am-12:30pm & 1pm-3pm, Fri 8am-12pm

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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: David Barillaro-friend of Kathie Kriss, Sue Beck-friend of Jay & Bernice Marle, Richard Bissette-friend of Don Stroud, Brandon Blount-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, Charlotte Grace Buckner-granddaughter of Bruce & JJ Jarvah, Tom Bulla-son-in-law of Dr. Josh & Carol Tayloe, Bob Byrum-member, Hazel Caldwell-cousin of Mary Parker Liles, Charles Cantwell-friend of the Marles, Roger Carpenter-friend of Leslie Whitehurst, Riffe Culpepper-son of The Rev. Polk & Cathy Culpepper, Mike & Pat DeVivo-friends of Kathie Kriss, Camden Green-friend of Janet Bradbury, Jay Marle-member, Helen Nicholson-sister-in-law of Katherine Mitchell, Judy Nobles-wife of Steve Nobles, Jessica O'Brien-granddaughter of Leslie Whitehurst, Verna Perry-friend of Saint Peter's, Ann Peters-member, Zoph Potts-friend of the Archies, Tom Purdie-friend of Toddy Warren, Charlotte Reynolds-friend of Jean Sterling, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Amy Sasnett-sister-in-law of Bonita Arvizu, Mary Satchell-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, Mark Shippy-friend of John Thompson, Jay Simmons-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Jackie Smilth-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Raymond Spencer-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, David Steenbergen & Family-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Pat Stouffer-friend of Nadine & Seb Barrett, Linda Strader-mother of Stacey Lynch, Gary Strang-member, Heather Van Staalduinien -friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, Pat Stouffer-friend of Nadine & Seb Barrett, Sue Walker-friend of the Marles, Martha Wall-member, Barbara Winfield-member.



Our condolences are extended to:

Family and Friends of Martha Wall who died recently.

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

Episcopal Church Women- Diocese of East Carolina

What: 132nd Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women

When: April 22, 2020

Where: St. Paul's, Wilmington

Guest Speaker: Katrina Knight, Executive Director, The Good Shepherd Center

Schedule for the Day:

9am Registration

9:45am Business Meeting followed by the Speaker

11:30am Holy Eucharist and Installation of Officer followed by Lunch

Deadline for Reservations is April 14th. Cost for Lunch is \$14.00.

Please make checks payable to St. Peter's ECW with Annual Meeting in the memo line, and place in the ECW mailbox or mail to St. Peter's ECW, PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889.



Automobile Needed

A community member is in desperate need of an automobile. The woman, age 68, is a diabetic, who is caring for her two young grandchildren as a result of action taken by the Beaufort County Department of Social Services. Your donation of a car (or one available at a very modest price) in working condition, that may be tax-deductible, will provide her with a reliable way to shop at a grocery store and pharmacy, transport the youngest child to daycare, attend church and participate in weekly Foster Care classes, etc. Please contact either Deacon Katherine at katherine@saintpetersnc.org or 252 623-1411 or Anna Sizemore 252 402 5929 or aesizemore9@gmail.com.



Altar Guild Clean Up Day

All Altar Guild members (and anyone else who would like to help) are invited to clean and polish the church in preparation for Easter Sunday. We will have one session on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 5, from 1pm-3pm and one session on Monday, April 6 from 9am-noon. All cleaning supplies will be provided. Hope to see you Sunday or Monday!

Thank you, Nancy Hamblin

"You are never more like Jesus than when you pray for others." (Max Lucado) We have a dedicated prayer team at Saint Peters. If you want to be "one that prays for others," please join our team. If you are in need of prayer for yourself or for someone else, you can call Laura Bliley at 252-495-3008 and know that prayer will begin in "real time." All of these requests are confidential and we are on call 24/7.

It works like this:

- a. We receive a prayer request from someone in our church to my number.
- b. A text message is sent to the team with the request.
- c. The team members respond back that they have received the request and that they will be praying.
- d. If the requesting person provides follow-up that they would like to share with the team, I will provide that.

We all know that prayer can have powerful results and to pray for others provides growth in Him.



Parishioners,

In this time of uncertainty, I hope you are all healthy. We have multiple doctors, PAs and RNs as members of our congregation, and their message is clear; wash your hands frequently, keep social distance and use common sense.

The vestry had to make a difficult decision regarding canceling services, but the Bishop validated our decision. Just because we are closed for “church activities,” we continue to do God’s work in many ways. The building is still being used by many persons and small groups. Jennifer, Swanson, Doug, Deacon Katherine and Jim Horton are working to begin videoing services so we can stay connected to Saint Peter’s. The search committee continues to work on the Church Profile so we will be positioned properly for our meeting with The Rev. Michael Singer on the 25th. We may have an online meeting, if necessary, but the process will continue to move forward.

Our community needs us more than ever. To work our mission, please continue to make your pledges to Saint Peter’s. Payments may be mailed (PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889) or paid online (www.saintpetersnc.org; Online Giving Tab). Contact Jennifer if you feel safer paying via a credit card transaction over the phone. Note that church office hours may vary over the next few weeks, but you may always leave a message (252-946-8151) and it will be returned as soon as possible. You may also drop your pledge payment off at the church office, but be sure and call first to make sure a staff member is in the office. Our monies do spectacular work in this community, and this was the number 1 topic (by a long way) recognized by the transition team. Thanks be to God.

**Mike Behar
Stewardship**

Dear Saint Peter’s,

As Jesus named Peter the “Rock” so has Saint Peter’s been the “Rock” for the mission of the Zion Kitchen and Shelter. We are so grateful for your financial support in helping us meet the needs of our mission to feed and shelter those less fortunate. For your generosity the Zion Board is most grateful.

With sincere thanks,

The Zion Board

Back Pack Buddies Program remains in business!!!!

Greetings parishioners! Our friends at Eastern Elementary are still receiving their weekly backpacks during this school closure. Saint Peter's is presently providing food for 18 needy students. We continue to need your help. If you have a few extra dollars, would you consider making a contribution to our grocery needs? There is another option of dropping off individual sized servings of food to the Gardner Hall bin. Checks may be made payable to Saint Peter's with "BPB" on the memo line. Mail to: PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889 or drop it off at the church office. Note: Due to varied office hours the next few weeks, please call the church office ahead of time to make sure a staff member is there. Thank you!

2 Corinthians 9:9 As it is written: "He hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever."

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way—better
for each other
because of the worst.

LAURA KELLY FANUCCI

Holy Week at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church



The Sunday of the Passion:

Palm Sunday, April 5, 8 & 10 AM

The Liturgy of the Palms, the Reading of the Passion Gospel, Holy Eucharist

Evening Prayer, April 6, 7 & 8 at 7 PM in the Chapel (Bilingual)

Holy Eucharist, April 8 at 7 AM and 11 AM in the Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7 PM

Service in the Church (English)

Holy Eucharist & Stripping the Altar

Service in the Chapel (Spanish)

Holy Eucharist, Washing of Feet, Stripping the Altar



Good Friday, April 10, 12 Noon

Solemn Reading of John's Gospel, Veneration of the Cross

Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 10

Self-Guided, 1 PM-5 PM in the Church



Holy Saturday, April 11, 12 Noon in the Chapel (Bilingual)

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

April 12, 8 AM & 10 AM

8 AM – The Holy Eucharist in the Church

10 AM The Holy Eucharist and the Flowering of the Cross in the Church

(Remember to bring fresh cut flowers!)

10 AM Spanish Language Service in the Chapel



Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard following the 10 AM Services

(Remember to bring your Easter basket!)