

Keynotes

May, 2019



Leaving a Job I Loved-Betty Cochran

This morning I read to the 4-year olds in our Dayschool for the last time. It has been my pleasure to read to these children, who will now graduate to kindergartens at Eastern Elementary, Chocowinity Primary, and Bath Elementary. They carry with them a wealth of knowledge and my love and best wishes. I have heard them many mornings at their morning devotions, and I am well aware of their good works as they have carried out projects of love and generosity to local charities. Miss Susie has taught their letters and numbers, manners, prayers, songs (funny and serious), and she has taught them that they are the hands and feet of Jesus—and they know what that means.



Where do I figure into this picture? I am the story lady. It has been my pleasure to share some of my favorite books with these children. They have great heart. After I had a stroke, I learned that they prayed for me. Now those prayers were answered.



When I arrived today, I got a big hug from Sam. He is the best hugger in the class. They lined up to give me hugs and to tell me something they like about me. Then they showed me their bug bites and bruises. And they reported on new pets (cats, a lizard) a green lizard, not a brown one.

Our book for today was a special one: Dr. Seuss' Oh, the Places You'll Go. These kids are going places and doing good things. They are smart and kind and loving. They are ready for kindergarten. But first (and last—our last time together) we ate cookies together. They were gold star Mrs. Myra cookies because they all deserve a gold star.

And the story, as Jaxon commented, was a long story, but it was a good one about what wonderful things their futures can hold. So they listened to the story, ate their star cookies, and then I listened as they went through their morning devotions and sang "Happy Unbirthday" to Addyson, who has a late summer birthday. I notice that there are several more unbirthdays to be celebrated.

What do I know about these kids? I cannot call their names with accuracy, but I know that they have hearts as pure as Ivory soap. I know that they know how to say their morning prayers. They know and love their classmates and they cooperate beautifully. They give good weather reports, and they give wonderful hugs.

As they grow older and add many new experiences to their lives, I hope that they will retain some memory of a grandmotherly type who came on Wednesdays to read a story and bring them a treat to enjoy along with the story.

And so today, as I was leaving, they all gave me a big hug and told me something they liked about me. My cup runneth over!





Nursery Help Needed

Tasha Daniels, our Nursery Worker, is off the 3rd Sunday of every month so that she may spend that time with her own children. There is a schedule posted outside the Nursery, and we ask that parents and other adults in the Parish sign up to serve so that we will have continued care for our young children and babies on Sunday mornings. Next available date is **Sunday May 19th**. Please sign up if you are available to help.



Open Door Community Center

Saint Peter's is a major supporter of the ODCC here in Washington and Julie Howdy has been our voice in it since its' inception. Her term on the Board of Directors is ending soon, and we are seeking someone to fill that role. Also, their 'Meal Train' program is requesting that people sign up to provide a meal or meals to homeless women and children. The meal train online address is www.mealtrain.com/5yd4ry. If you are interested in this worthy cause, please contact Ken Hadley at (252) 946-7282 or call the ODCC directly at (252) 833-8514.

**The Cursillo reunion group will meet
Sunday May 19th at 11:30am for lunch at
Ribeye's Restaurant on the waterfront.**



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 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)

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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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, **Sugie Battin**-friend of Patrick & Carol Nash, **Sue Beck**-friend of Jay & Bernice Marle, **Marie Benitez**-friend of St. Peter's, **Shannon Bowen**-friend of the Harringtons, **Mavis Burns**-member, **Kada Bush**-friend of Ray & Suzanne Heath, **Tasha Daniels**-our Nursery Attendant, **Charles Davis**-brother-in-law of Betty & Bill Cochran, **Pat DeVivo**-friend of Kathie Kriss, **Peter Dimsey**-relative of Sandy Mitchell, **Pappy Fowle**-cousin of Dr. Josh Tayloe & Athy Cooper, **Camden Green**-friend of Janet Bradbury, **Dawn Johnston**-daughter-in-law of Sharon Johnston, **Davis Jones**-member, **Coly McCauley**-son of Nancy Hamblin, **Bill McFeely**-friend of the Mitchells, **Denise McKenzie**-friend of Patrick & Carol Nash, **Craig McPherson**-son-in-law of Seb & Nadine Barrett, **Jimi Paderick**-Executive Assistant to Bishop Skirving, **Verna Perry**-friend of Saint Peter's, **Ann Peters**-member, **Sarah Purvis**-friend of Peggy Hudson, **David Roy**-brother of Julie Howdy, **Acra Samuels**-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, **Carol Sime**-cousin of Sandy Mitchell, **Alice Stallings**-member, **John Stowell** -brother of Aynn Hadley, **Linda Strader**-mother of Stacey Lynch, **Gary Tyer**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Sara Waidi**, **Sue Walker**-friend of the Marles, **Martha Wall**-member.

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!



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.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MAY



Sunday, May 5, 2019: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lee Cooper by his family.

Sunday, May 12, 2019: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of and appreciation for Saint Peter's Organist/Choirmaster and choirs.

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Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. James W. Phillips by the family.

Sunday, May 19, 2019: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Olzie & John Rodman, Lib & John Rodman, Meredith & Archie Rodman, Elizabeth Carrow & Owen Rodman, Olzie Clark Rodman, Clark Rodman & Mavis Rodman Peele, and Helen & Cam Rodman by the family.

Sunday, May 26, 2019: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia & Donald Bainbridge, Jessica & Robert Caldwell, Mary & Christina Caldwell, Dr. Kenneth Bainbridge by the family.

The Executive Council of the Diocese of East Carolina
cordially invites you to a Retirement Celebration
honoring

The Rev'd Canon Matthew E. Stockard

on Friday, May 31, 2019
from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM

at
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
107 Louis Street
Greenville, North Carolina

A light lunch will be served.



If you would like to attend, please email Judy Whichard at
whichardjudy@gmail.com no later than May 28.
Please include your name and number attending.



**Do you have a graduate in
your family?**

***It's time for Graduations! If you
have a graduate to announce: High
School, College or Advanced
degrees, please share the information
with the church office.***

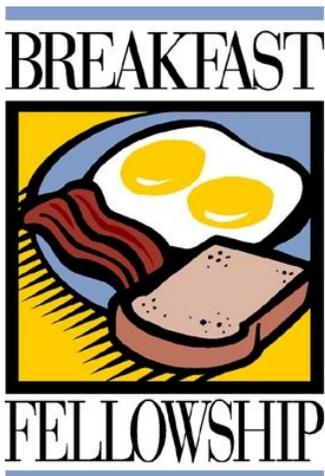
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or 946-8151



Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee needs new members to participate in decisions on how your monetary offerings will be used to improve our community. We are also asking for an investment of your stewardship time to help coordinate the special projects which Saint Peter's has become known for. If you're interested in this ministry, please attend the next Outreach Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 14th, at 5:30pm in the Woolard Meeting Room or contact Ken Hadley at (252) 946-7282 or email KENNYHADS@GMAIL.COM.



Sunday May 19th will be our last Sunday Breakfast until the fall.

Just a brief reminder if you should arrive at the church during regular weekly office hours and find the doors locked, do not be discouraged. Please use the intercom beside the red doors under the covered walkway to let staff inside know you are here and would like to come in. It is quite simple to use, just press and release the button and someone will answer your call as quickly as possible.

In this day and time, we cannot be too careful. We are simply practicing good safety measures. Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

Your Staff

(Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-12:30pm
& 1pm-3pm, Fri 8am-12pm)



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Blood Drive



American
Red Cross

Mark your calendars for the annual St. Peter's Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 28th, the day after Memorial Day, from noon to six in All Saints' Hall. You may sign up online at redcrossblood.org by entering our code, **ST Peters**, (yes, written *just like that*), and following the directions. You may also sign up on the bulletin board at church or by E-mailing me. Our goal this year is 51 pints, but we should have approximately 62 sign-ups in order to reach it. Bakers, greeters, and kitchen help will also be needed, so let me know if you would like to volunteer. *Most urgently, you are asked to consider donating a pint of blood and passing the word to friends and neighbors. "Every two seconds, over 43,000 times a day, someone in the U.S. needs blood."*

Sallie Scales, 944-4842 or 946-9443, scales.sallie@gmail.com

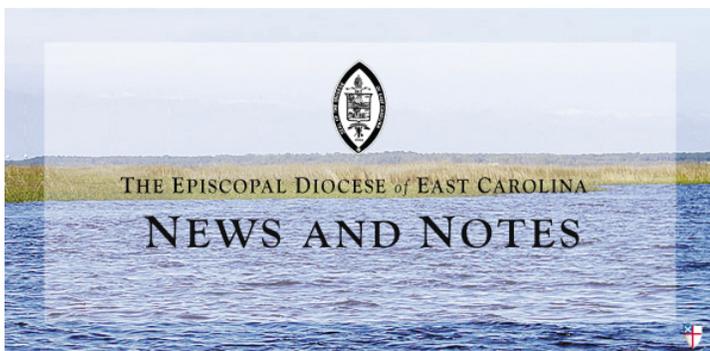
An Invitation to Learn More about EfM



Education for Ministry, better known as EfM, is a dynamic course of study and reflection on the entire scope of the Christian tradition from the earliest times to the present. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. During the academic year, EfM groups meet weekly in a seminar group under the guidance of a trained mentor.

Participants enroll one year at a time for this four-year program. Each fall, new members begin with a study of the Old Testament. Returning members study the New Testament in Year 2, Church History in Year 3, and Theology and Ethics in Year 4.

Did you ever wonder why there are two creation stories in the Bible? How the Bible was written or why Christians worship in so many different ways? EfM can help you find the answers to these and many more questions. Please check-out the EfM display in the hallway by Jennifer's office. You can also call Jane Taylor, EfM mentor, at (252) 402-8782, if you have any questions. We are enrolling students now to begin study in September.



Stay "in the know" about the events and news in our diocese by going to www.diocese-eastcarolina.org, clicking on "News & Events" and then "News & Notes Archive" and following the instructions for signing up for the e-newsletter. You can also follow on Facebook @ The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina.



“Life is short and we don’t have much time to gladden the hearts of those we walk the way with. So make haste to be kind and be swift to love.” —Henri-Frederic Amiel

When The Rev. Mark Powell has served at St. Peter’s, one Stewardship Sunday and for the month of July between when we were between Rectors, he always ended the service with this quote. It seems to be appropriate as we head into the summer season. Donations in the collection plate will most likely fall but the needs of our community will not.

Please think about these words and send contribution to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund so the financial assistance committee can do their work to gladden the hearts of those in need. —Verna Motteler

A big shout out goes to Verna for sharing just how much her involvement with our Financial Assistance Program means to her. We will be sharing more of our volunteer experiences throughout the year.

On another note, in February, Sarah Ninan shared an experience that brought her up short with a powerful unexpected effect. To briefly refresh your memory: in October we helped a couple pay their utility bill. Much to our surprise, in January, the couple returned to Saint Peter’s with a check for twice the amount we gave to them. What you probably don’t know is that several weeks later this gentleman died suddenly and somewhat unexpectedly.

Members of our Financial Assistance Program reached out to the gentleman’s wife, let’s call her Eve, to see if there was anything, we could do that would be helpful, such as assisting with funeral expenses or other unanticipated costs associated with his untimely death. Eve said no, but she was so very grateful for our concern for her.

Several weeks later, Eve returned to Saint Peter’s with a utility bill that she did not understand and was beyond her reach financially. Once again, we provided what she needed - emotional, spiritual and monetary support, assuring her that we would remain available to her. Recently Eve returned to Saint Peter’s once more, but rather than asking for something, she offered to the church a gift of money with the promise to donate something monthly if she is able to do so. I suspect she really can’t afford to make this offering to us, but it is important to her that she do so.

Now, I can’t say that I truly understand what is going on between Eve and Saint Peter’s, but I am more than suspicious that God is at work in a mysterious way beyond my comprehension. However, those of us involved with Eve are realizing the bounty of God’s generosity and love through our relationship.

Many thanks to all of you here at Saint Peter’s for your support of this important outreach ministry.

Deacon Katherine

