

# Keynotes

January 2021



Dear Friends,

We are now in the season of Epiphany, a time when Christ is made manifest among us. Christ is always revealing himself to us, usually in unexpected ways, although at times that revelation is most difficult to see, much less understand. We live in a truly chaotic and broken nation that has been clearly revealed to us over the past several weeks.

Therefore, it was not surprising that pain and despair burst into our living rooms recently when a mob of self-proclaimed Christian patriots attacked the United States Capital, creating death, mayhem, and destruction, threatening the lives of congressional leaders and their staff. What occurred in our nation's capital has no relationship to law and order but was merely an attempt to maintain power and control. Power struggles have happened in other places at other times. To think or believe our country should be exempt is naivety. It may not make sense to most of us, but mob actions are usually based on fear, if not desperation. What our nation is experiencing is a sure sign that things need to change!

This season of Epiphany allows us to rethink and then act on the ways that Christ is breaking through the uncertainty we are living in. The late Toni Morrison says, "I know the world is bruised and bleeding, and though it is important not to ignore its pain, it is also critical to refuse to succumb to its malevolence. Like failure, chaos contains information that can lead to knowledge - even wisdom."

Maybe, just maybe we will gain the wisdom to acknowledge this chaos is a wake-up call from God that our behaviors and actions are sadly misinformed and misplaced, thus leading us further and further away from his Kingdom. God's kingdom on earth does not happen because God wants it but happens because we want it to happen and be part of that kingdom. If you want to work toward building up God's Kingdom, please join with me in praying this prayer from our Book of Common Prayer (page 815)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Your friend,  
Deacon Katherine



*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!*



Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the Back Pack Buddies Committee continues to provide nutritious food for 14 needy Kindergartners. Despite the pandemic, the committee continues to shop, stock, bag and deliver full bundles of food each week to Eastern Elementary to provide supplemental healthy food which fosters improved school performance and general well-being. We could use some help keeping the shelves stocked so if you would like to make a monetary donation to this cause, please bring or send a check (P.O. Box 985) payable to St. Peter's Church (BPB on the memo line).

Thank you to all of you who have supported this ministry over the years. The children, their families and the teachers are very grateful for your help.

Thank you for supporting the 2020 Christmas Honor Card program. The congregants of St. Peter's purchased 325 cards, the most of any prior year!! Every penny of the \$3,440.00 raised went directly to these designated causes.

Rector's Discretionary Fund: \$1,712.00  
Ruth's House: \$372.00  
Shepard Cancer Center: \$510.00  
Zion Shelter & Soup Kitchen: \$846.00



### **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. St. Peter's is responsible for the first Saturday of each month. Lunches are delivered to the shelter on the preceding Friday morning. Easy-to-follow instructions are posted as well. You may also email [communications@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:communications@saintpetersnc.org) to sign up.





## 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.

\*Also, to make pledge payments or to give for any reason, you can do so from our website via the online giving link at [www.saintpetersnc.org](http://www.saintpetersnc.org).

\*Mail your payment to PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889

If you need assistance with any of these options, email or call Jennifer Spivey at the church office. (946-8151, [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org))

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

\*\*Note: the Financial Assistance Committee has continued to help those in need during this pandemic. The community needs are great, and our committee is still working!



### Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8am-3pm, Fri 8am-12pm

Note that church office hours vary right now, but you may always leave a message (252-946-8151) and it will be returned as soon as possible.

### Saint Peter's Clergy & Staff

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Lex Mann	Treasurer
Catherine Partrick	Parish Secretary
Jennifer Spivey	Parish Administrator
Susie Taylor	Day School Director



### Vestry Organization

Swanson Graves-Senior Warden  
 Richard Andrews-Junior Warden  
 Laura Bliley-Pastoral Care  
 Ken Hadley-Clerk  
 Lynn Harrington-Outreach  
 Ed Hodges-Stewardship  
 Rachael Miller-Christian Ed & Youth  
 Carol Nash-Rector Search Liaison  
 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:** Ryley Alderman and family-friends of St. Peter's, Annie-friend of Katherine Mitchell, David Barillaro-friend of Kathie Kriss, Maria Bonitez-friend of Ann Peters, Charlotte Grace Buckner-granddaughter of Bruce & JJ Jarvah, Matthew Burns-friend of Kathie Kriss, Mavis & Rudy Burns-members, Charles Cantwell-friend of the Marles, Shirley Causby-friend of Ann Peters, Mary Alice Chapin-friend of Betty Cochran, Patricia Coffie-daughter of Terry Young, Calvin Cooks-friend of Sarah Ninan, Dwayne Davis-nephew of Betty & Bill Cochran, Sandra Edwards-friend of Laura Bliley, Diane Furlough-member, Camden Green-friend of Janet Bradbury, Sam Grimes-member, Shelby Harris-member, Gerald Heggie-friend of Saint Peter's, Fred Holscher-member, Dr. Frederick Howdy, Sr.-father of Katherine Tate, Maryann Jenkins-friend of Sharon Yakubowski, Jay Marle-member, Kim Moulden-friend of Sharon & Rick Yakubowski, Gayle Nadel-friend of St. Peter's, Joyce Nelson-friend of Delores Darden, Helen Nicholson-sister-in-law of Katherine Mitchell, Angela Powers-cousin of Ann Peters, Charlotte Reynolds-friend of Jean Sterling, Grayson Rudolph-friend of Ed Hodges, Phil Ryals-friend of Cathy Whichard, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Amy Sasnett-sister-in-law of Bonita Arvizu, Jennie Singleton-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Larry Smithwick-friend of Cindy & William Cochran; Raymond Spencer-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, David Steenbergen & Family-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Douglas & Myra Steppe-friends of Diane Furlough; Rick Stevens-friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, Gary Strang-member, Sharon Swartz-sister-in-law of John Tate, Dr. & Mrs. John Tate, Sr.-parents of John Tate, Wendy Tate-sister of John Tate, Dr. Marshall Taylor-friend of Dr. Josh & Carol Tayloe, Carolyn Thomas-member, David Woolard-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges.

"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.



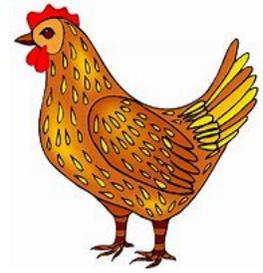
It works like this:

- 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.

The Zion Shelter & Soup Kitchen needs donations of packaged meats. Uncooked pork, beef, or chicken are accepted at the door Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. You may call ahead if you like : (252) 975-1978, Located at 114 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, next to the Agape Clinic.

*Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*



*If there are people that you would like to add to, or remove from, the prayer list, just let us know by calling the church (252-946-8151). Thank you!*

### *A Prayer for New Rector Search*

*God of patient and gentle strength, who knows our needs before we ask, may your loving presence guide us as we seek the next rector for St Peter's. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us and become ever more united in your son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Inspire our conversation, deepen our prayer, and make us a community of humility and grace. Raise up for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion. Amen*



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.

***Our condolences are extended to:***

***The family of Zoph Potts, brother-in-law of Riley Roberson***

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



# February

## February Birthdays

Feb. 1	Forest Sidbury
Feb. 2	Jeniffer Roman
Feb. 4	Andrea Smith, Suzie Harrington
Feb. 5	Fred Holscher, Stephanie Harris
Feb. 7	Rosalyn Edwards, Mary Parker Liles, Maria Ramirez
Feb. 8	John Tate, IV
Feb. 12	John Thompson
Feb. 13	Sam Murray, Georgia Sanders, Andrea Madero
Feb. 15	Franny Johnson, Grace Paszt
Feb. 16	Ann Peters, Cathy Capogna, Jaime Chavez, Jr., Julian Flores
Feb. 17	Sara Bentzel, Mauro Tellez
Feb. 18	Gil Alfonso
Feb. 19	Crystal Hardt
Feb. 20	Athy Cooper, Meredith Rawls
Feb. 22	Cathy Waters, Edward Harding, Tamara Clark
Feb. 23	Dill Lynch
Feb. 24	Verna Motteler, Ingrid Serrano
Feb. 25	Barbara Grimes
Feb. 29	Aynn Hadley