

# Keynotes

November 2020



Dear Friends,

I am sure that you need no reminder that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Although we are living in unsettled times, we have much to be grateful for each day. While this year's holiday season, both Thanksgiving and Christmas, may well be different than any experienced previously, we will celebrate these important events.

Keep in mind, that just because something is different, that does not make these experiences bad, only different. Perhaps we will learn and engage in new ways of celebrating and being together with our family and friends. Saint Peter's, as a church, is learning how to be "church" in new ways. Despite no longer worshiping as a gathered community in the sanctuary, we are still worshiping weekly with the able assistance of our staff, choir, and lay leaders. We hope that you join us at these recorded or outdoor services.

Other activities at Saint Peter's also continue. The Salvation Army's Angel Tree is up, awaiting people to select those young children whose faces will light up with bright smiles on Christmas morning because of your care and generosity. Your Outreach Committee is again providing "honor" Christmas cards for purchase which supports important ministries of Saint Peter's. For a more active experience, Toys for Tots is going forward with All Saints Hall serving as the staging area for collection and distribution. Your help is much needed to sort and distribute the toys. Participation is easy and can be done in person or by calling the church office.

We also ask that you remember those families that are financially struggling because of reduced work hours, lost jobs, or evictions by donating to the Financial Assistance Program. Can you imagine anything more disappointing than missing the joy and delight of Christmas tree lights because the electricity has been turned off or having no place to call home? Please, prayerfully consider how you can be involved in supporting the various ministries of Saint Peter's.

May the peace of God be with you.

Faithfully,  
Deacon Katherine



## **An invitation to join the choir**



The fall traditionally is the time we begin talking about stewardship, so I would like for everyone who enjoys singing to consider becoming a part of the chancel choir. Stewardship is not only about our financial gifts to the church, but also about sharing our time and talents.

All that's required to sing in the choir is a desire to sing and to become a member of a group of dedicated people who give of their time each week to attend rehearsals to prepare for Sunday worship.

Here are some things to consider:

1. You don't have to be able to read music to sing in the choir; it's helpful but not necessary. Choir rehearsal is about learning music.
2. You don't need a solo quality voice to sing in the choir. All that's needed is a desire to sing!
3. You will learn a lot about music and liturgy by joining the choir.
4. Singing in the choir is not about performance but about leadership.
5. By joining the choir you become part of a close-knit group of people dedicated to the common purpose of enriching worship through music.
6. Choir is fun. We work hard but we also laugh and enjoy time together!
7. On a lighter side, you get to wear a choir robe and commune first!

So if you have sung in the choir in the past at St. Peter's or any other church, please join us. If you've never sung in a choir and would like to give it a try, please join us. If you would like to enrich your spiritual life through music, please join us. Everyone is welcome! Please consider joining the chancel choir as just another way that you can share your gifts with the church.

--Sam



## 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 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).

\*\*Note: the Financial Assistance Committee has continued to help those in need during this time with the exception of Easter Monday. They are 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.

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 Rachael Miller-Education  
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 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:** Ryan Alligood-family of Heather & Ray Williams, David Barillaro-friend of Kathie Kriss, Jean Barnes, Maria Bonitez-friend of Ann Peters, Charlotte Grace Buckner-granddaughter of Bruce & JJ Jarvah, Matthew Burns-friend of Kathie Kriss, Charles Cantwell-friend of the Marles, Megan Carpenter-granddaughter of Leslie Whitehurst, Shirley Causby-friend of Ann Peters, Patricia Coffie-daughter of Terry Young, Calvin Cooks-friend of Sarah Ninan, Dwayne Davis-nephew of Betty & Bill Cochran, Diane Furlough-member, Camden Green-friend of Janet Bradbury, Sam Grimes-member, Crystal Hardt-member, Shelby Harris-member, The Rev. Jim Horton-friend of St. Peter's, Jay Marle-member, Kim Moulden-friend of Sharon & Rick Yakubowski, Joyce Nelson-friend of Delores Darden, Helen Nicholson-sister-in-law of Katherine Mitchell, Zoph Potts-friend of the Archies, Angela Powers-cousin of Ann Peters, Charlotte Reynolds-friend of Jean Sterling, Marina & Shana Robinson-members, Phil Ryals-friend of Cathy Whichard, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Amy Sasnett-sister-in-law of Bonita Arvizu, Grover & Carol Sawyer-friends of Leslie Whitehurst, Jennie Singleton-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Larry Smithwick-friend of Cindy & William Cochran; Raymond Spencer-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Jennifer Spruill-friend of St. Peter's, David Steenbergen & Family-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Douglas & Myra Steppe-friends of Diane Furlough; Rick Stevens-friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, Linda Strader-mother of Stacey Lynch, Gary Strang-member, Carolyn Thomas-member, Barbara Winfield-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.



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to those who have returned your 2021 pledge card.

If you have not, there is still time! If you are not able to deliver or mail your pledge card, all you have to do is call me, and I will pick it up whenever it is convenient for you.

This has been an exceptionally difficult year for everyone, and we look forward to the times ahead when we can gather again as the family we are.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Mike Behar, Stewardship Chair, 252-975-7120

### *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*

Don't forget to keep up to date with your 2020 pledge. Balances are available by calling or emailing Jennifer at 946-8151 or [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org).



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.



**Update:** The Eastern Elementary Guidance Counselor is presently sending out letters to needy families of kindergarteners. We hope to start delivering healthy weekend foods again on December 3rd!! If you would like to help, please send donations to SPC with "BPB" on the memo line. If you'd prefer to buy food yourself, please buy individual portions and arrange a time with us for delivery at church (946-8151). **You will be informed as soon as we know more.** Thank you for your inquiries and your support!!

### 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.



Just a quick note to remind everyone that if you receive a suspicious email or text from church clergy or staff asking for donations to purchase gift cards, send money to paypal, etc., please know that it is a scam. If you ever receive questionable communication which appears to be from the church or even fellow parishioners, please call the church office or contact the parishioner directly to verify BEFORE taking any action. 252-946-8151





# December Birthdays

Dec. 3	Lilly Dudley
Dec. 4	Adelaide Stiles, Joe Vick
Dec. 7	Mary Wesley Harvey
Dec. 8	Ben Brewer
Dec. 10	Helen Gant
Dec. 12	Barbara Francisco
Dec. 13	Cindy Cochran, Picott Harrington, John Hudson, Catherine Powell
Dec. 14	Janet Rodman
Dec. 15	Charles Phillips
Dec. 16	Maria Tellez Ramirez
Dec. 17	Joe Digges, Judy Young
Dec. 18	Nannette Smyre, Dorretta Waite
Dec. 19	Brandon Eatman, Donald Hargy
Dec. 20	Sandy Arballo
Dec. 21	Gerardo Chavez, Claire Harrington
Dec. 22	Finn Johnston
Dec. 23	Jeff Brewer
Dec. 24	Katherine Mitchell
Dec. 26	Brad Rawls
Dec. 27	Grace Bonner, Walker Lynch
Dec. 29	Beth Sloan
Dec. 30	Jim Pagnani



Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 246*



**Help us decorate for Christmas!**

We are now 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 mail your contributions and information by Tuesday, December 15th.



The Zion Shelter & Soup Kitchen needs meat! Packaged, uncooked pork, beef, or chicken are accepted and appreciated. You may take meat products to the shelter Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. Someone will be there to accept your delivery. (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."*

The 2021 Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina will be virtual!

Because of the unusual nature of our upcoming Diocesan Convention being held virtually, a decision has been reached that rather than being held over 2 ½ days, it will be contained to one day, **Saturday, February 13, 2021**. (Yes, that is the Saturday before Valentine's Day, but we will be finished before dinner time.)

With this transition to a virtual convention comes the understanding that delegates to convention will need to be tech-savvy, at least to the point of using a smart phone and joining a Zoom conference on a computer. Most of the ways we have done convention in the past will be different – how different is still up in the air – but if nothing else, 2020 has taught us to be flexible. Stay tuned for more information.



If you are interested in representing Saint Peter's at the upcoming Diocesan Convention, please contact the church office. 946-8151



**The Christmas Honor Card Program** has returned to Saint Peter's this holiday season. This program provides an opportunity for Saint Peter's members to donate to one or more designated local, non-profit agencies.

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.

This year, our local agency options are: **Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center, Ruth's House, St. Peter's Discretionary Fund, and Zion Soup Kitchen & Shelter.**

You may call the church office (946-8151) to place your order. Catherine or Jennifer will be happy to help you. Indicate which agency(ies) and how many of each you would like to support, and arrange a pick-up time (curbside) suitable for you when you bring your payment.

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

Catherine Pfeiffer, Outreach



### **Salvation Army Angel Tree Project**

Saint Peter's will be partnering with the Salvation Army on the Angel Tree Project again this year. It is a Christmas tradition that many of us look forward to. Shopping and providing for the wishes of a child is very rewarding and guides us into the true spirit of Christmas.

"And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

Our time line is short this year, as we will make our delivery to the Salvation Army on December 2nd. The Angel tree is up near the church office and arranged with Angel tags representing the children in need. The tag lists items the child needs and wishes for. You are welcome to do as much as you can, however, the Salvation Army suggests two toys and one piece of clothing as the minimum gift.

#### **What to do:**

Please pick an Angel from the tree and tear off on the dotted line.

Fill in the form near the tree so we know who has the Angel.

All gifts must be new and unwrapped, but you can provide wrapping paper if you wish.

Please attach the Angel tag securely on the outside of your bag with the gifts, and place it in the box near the tree by December 2nd.

Thank you and we guarantee you will be blessed with joy as you carry out this small mission that will mean a great deal to one child. Please call Aynn or Ken Hadley, (252) 946-7282 or (252) 394-4028, if you should have questions.



Toys for Tots 2020 is Happening!!!

In the spirit of supporting our community, once again Saint Peter's is working with noon Rotary and the Beaufort-Hyde Partnership for Children to distribute Toys for Tots.

To protect our volunteers there will be COVID safety precautions implemented.

If you are interested in helping sort toys into age groups and "shopping" (bagging toys onsite) for families in advance of distribution day, please call Sarah Ninan 252 721 0112 or Email [sarahgninan@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgninan@gmail.com)

If you are interested in providing toys, there are several ways to do so. Toys need to be received by Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. We serve children ages 0-12.

1. Purchase toys and place in the Toys for Tots boxes throughout town.
2. Make a tax deductible donation by writing a check payable to Saint Peter's and enter Toys for Tots in the memo line. (Mail to: Saint Peter's, PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889)
3. Order your favorite toys online and have them directly shipped to: Saint Peter's Church, 101 North Bonner Street, Washington, NC 27889.

**NOTE: TOYS FOR TOTS WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTING BIKES THIS YEAR.**

Important Dates:

Dec 4: All toys received by Saint Peter's

Dec. 5-12: Toys will be sorted by age groups and bagged up for each family in preparation for distribution

Dec. 13: Toy Distribution Day



Dear Parishioners,

Our Carillon (Bell Chime) is back online and sounds great! A huge **THANK YOU** to the individuals who generously contributed to the project in honor of **Doug Cutler**. Total contributions for the project came to **\$14,275.00**, exceeding our initial goal of **\$5,734.56**. The extra funds allowed us to purchase higher quality sound equipment than originally planned and has allowed us to create a maintenance and repair account for the future. Again, thank you for your generosity. **Doug** is surely smiling at the completion of this project!

Thanks be to God,  
Hank Van Dorp



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