

Keynotes

October 2020



The Christmas Honor Card Program is returning 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

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.

*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)

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.

**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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Vestry Organization

Swanson Graves-Senior Warden
 Richard Andrews-Junior Warden
 Laura Bliley-Pastoral Care
 Michael Behar-Stewardship
 Ken Hadley-Clerk
 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: 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, Mark Shippy-friend of John Thompson, Jennie Singleton-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Raymond Spencer-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Jennifer Spruill-friend of St. Peter's, David Steenbergen & Family-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Rick Stevens-friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, Linda Strader-mother of Stacey Lynch, Gary Strang-member, Carolyn Thomas-member, Heather Van Staaldunin -friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, Karen Watts-niece of Betty & Bill Cochran, 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.





Our condolences are extended to:

The family of Nita & Bob Byrum 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.*

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.



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.

Simplicity & Sanctuary by the Sea...

take time at Trinity.

Trinity Center is opening to individuals and families on a limited basis beginning Friday, September 18, 2020. Please contact (252) 247-5600 for more details and availability.

Sack Lunch Ministry



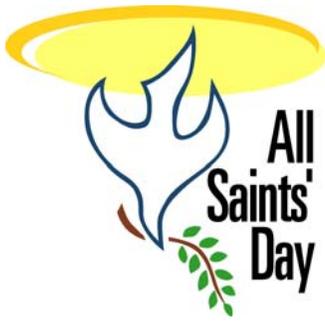
If you are interested in providing 15 lunches for Zion Shelter visitors, please sign up on the sheet posted outside Jennifer's office. St. Peter's is responsible for the first Saturday of each month. Lunches are delivered to the shelter on the preceding Friday morning. Easy-to-follow instructions are posted as well. You may also email jennifer@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



11/1	Maribel Villeda, Brianna Leal
11/2	Austin Rawls, Katherine Tate
11/3	Emily Huettmann
11/4	Ann Behar, Robert Jiminez, Patrick Nash
11/5	Mary Carter Taylor
11/6	Michelle Clancy, Steven Gachuz
11/7	Autumn Keel
11/8	Carolyn Thomas
11/10	Austin Andrews, Bill Rianhard
11/11	Eric Serrano
11/12	Trenton Baldree, Sarah Gachuz
11/13	Jackson Paul
11/14	Cristal Gachuz
11/15	Lachlan Stroud, Barbara Winfield
11/16	Diego Adame, J.J. Jarvah
11/ 17	Anne Pagnani, Leta Thompson
11/21	Peggy Koonce
11/23	Crane Couch, Daisy Gachuz, Ann Tyndall
11/24	Jamie Keel, Douglas Smith
11/25	Gayle Hudson, Ashley Padgett, Mia Pagnani, Dr. Josh Tayloe
11/26	Valerie Simpson, Jane Small
11/27	Josua Tavera
11/28	Benjamin Gachuz
11/30	Kathleen Couch



Sunday, November 1st is All Saints' Day. You are invited to share the names of your departed loved ones to be listed in the bulletin on this day. For convenience, you may email communications@saintpetersnc.org or call the church office (946-8151) with your names. **Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, October 27th at noon.**

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!



2021 Pledge Certificate Reminder

Please remember to turn in your 2021 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)



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 4th 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 United Thank Offering (UTO) has been a ministry of the Episcopal Church for over 125 years. UTO encourages all of us to be aware of the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, and make an offering.

In ordinary times, we would put those offerings in a UTO blue box or UTO envelope. We usually have a Spring and Fall ingathering but due to the pandemic, we missed the Spring ingathering this year.

100% of the money collected will be sent to the Diocese for grants that address human needs and poverty. In the past, Ruth's House has been a recipient of one of those grants. This year, some of the grants will be used for Covid-19 related issues.

Saint Peter's has designated Sunday, November 1st as our Fall UTO ingathering. Instead of using the blue boxes and envelopes, please prayerfully consider writing a check and mailing it to St. Peter's Church, PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889. Please make checks payable to Saint Peter's Church, and add "UTO" on the memo line.

Thank you for supporting UTO.



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



Back Pack Buddies Update: Because of the pandemic and continued uncertainty of the schools' situation, we have had to halt deliveries to our Eastern Elementary Back Pack Buddies *for now*. When students return and conditions improve, we will resume our ministry.