

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Keynotes

September 2020



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve St. Peter's as your new music director and organist and for making Debbie and me feel so welcome! Having moved recently from the Charlotte area to New Bern to be closer to our daughter and her husband, we are excited about becoming involved in the St. Peter's family!

It is indeed an honor and privilege to follow Doug as organist and music director! His legacy will last for years to come, and I hope that I will be able to build upon his hard work and dedication!

Debbie and I both grew up in Raleigh. I graduated from NC State with a BA in English Education, and Debbie graduated from East Carolina with a BS degree in nursing and from the University of North Dakota with a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies. I recently retired from the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System and Debbie retired as a PA with Atrium Health.

As a student at NC State, I took organ lessons at Meredith College and I have continued to study with organ teachers throughout a career spanning forty years. Recently I begin studying with Andrew Scanlon at St. Paul's in Greenville. As a college sophomore, I became organist at Horne Memorial United Methodist Church in Clayton, NC, which began a long career serving in Moravian, Lutheran and Episcopal Churches. Debbie and I were confirmed at Christ Church in Raleigh before we were married, so the Episcopal Church is home and a place where I can not only serve as a musician, but most importantly where I can worship. Needless to say, I love the rich liturgical traditions of the church and feel strongly in their power to instruct our lives as Christians.

We live in New Bern with a thirteen year old verbose African Grey Parrot named Lexie and two dogs, Molly and Z (You would think as an English teacher I could come up with something better than "Z"). My mother who turns 88 in October, also moved to New Bern with us. Our house is a 107 year old restoration project which keeps us occupied. We enjoy our time at home working on the house and in the yard, but we also take time to enjoy sailing in Oriental.

Again, I'm excited to be at St. Peter's, and Debbie and I look forward to getting to know you!

— Sam Holt

Pictured: Sam and daughter, Anna,



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

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*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-12:30pm & 1pm-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
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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, Nadine Barrett-member, Maria Bonitez-friend of Ann Peters, Charlotte Grace Buckner-granddaughter of Bruce & JJ Jarvah, Matthew Burns-friend of Kathie Kriss, Nita & Bob Byrum-members, Charles Cantwell-friend of the Marles, Megan Carpenter-granddaughter of Leslie Whitehurst, Shirley Causby-friend of Ann Peters, Bill Cochran-member, 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, Shelby Harris-member, The Rev. Jim Horton-friend of St. Peter's, Jay Marle-member, Kim Moulden-friend of Sharon & Rick Yakubowski, Helen Nicholson-sister-in-law of Katherine Mitchell, Roy Phillips-friend of Roy Whichard; Zoph Potts-friend of the Archies, Angela Powers-cousin of Ann Peters, Charlotte Reynolds-friend of Jean Sterling, 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, Raymond Spencer-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, David Steenbergen & Family-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Rick Stevens-friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, Linda Strader-mother of Stacey Lynch, Gary Strang-member, Frances Tankard-cousin of Katherine Mitchell, Carolyn Thomas-member, Heather Van Staalduinen -friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, Karen Watts-niece of Betty & Bill Cochran, Barbara Winfield-member, Terry Wollard-friend of Katherine Mitchell, David Woolard-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Margaret Ann Woolard-friend of Betty Cochran.

"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:

Jane Taylor & Family on the recent death of her brother, John Krueger.

Family and Friends of Lanie Cox whp 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



- 10/3 Peggy Moore, Jane Taylor
- 10/4 Chris Padgett
- 10/5 Fred Howdy, Henry Woolard
- 10/6 Bill Litchfield, Sarah Ninan
- 10/7 Emma Holscher, Julie Howdy, Karen Mann, Jhovani Tellez
- 10/8 Catherine Pfeiffer
- 10/10 Paulino Serrano
- 10/11 Tucker Talley
- 10/13 Henry Arvizu, Grayson Spruill, Sarah Vick
- 10/14 Catie Ward
- 10/15 Sandy Mitchell
- 10/16 Alejandra Madero
- 10/17 Ric Carter, William Cochran, Rachael Miller
- 10/19 Rudy Burns
- 10/20 Roy Whichard
- 10/21 Brad Dudley
- 10/25 Loraine Babcock, Kay Sharpe, Terry Young
- 10/26 Isabel Roberson
- 10/27 Philip Ninan
- 10/28 Hunter Baldree, Carolyn Harding
- 10/29 Erika Gachuz, Rebecca Behar Gronroos, Nereyda Orrantia
- 10/30 Bill Darden, Luis Hernandez, Sarah Paszt
- 10/31 Alfonso Gachuz, Johnny Rodman

Dear Parishioners,

You may be aware that the Carillon system has been out of order since March 2020. The Carillon, or Bell Chime as it is sometimes referred to, is in the Church bell tower and plays a digital recording of cast bronze bells four times a day. When working properly, the bells are a wonderful addition to our historic neighborhood. The system needs a new amplifier and 4 new speakers to work again. The cost of the upgrade is \$5,734.56 installed.

Recently, an anonymous donor offered to contribute \$2,000 toward the equipment purchase. To complete the project, we need \$3,734.56 in additional contributions for the upgrade. We are living in difficult times, and resources may be stretched, but please prayerfully consider a contribution to restore the Carillon, both for our Church and for our community.

If you would like to know more about the project, contact me at (252)214-8141.

If you would like to contribute to the project, please mail a check (PO Box 985, Washington, NC 27889) payable to St. Peter's with Carillon in the memo line.

Thank you for your support.

Hank Van Dorp
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**Washington Women's Bible Study:
an ecumenical Christian ministry of Bible study and fellowship open to all women**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the fall Bible study will be a guided plan done independently at home, rather than our usual in-person gathering.

We will follow the Scripture Writing Plan at Sweet Blessings (<http://www.swtblessings.com/>) for October, November, and December this year. Bible verses are given for each day per month to be read and also written, if desired.

Writing Scripture is encouraged to increase focus and understanding and to assist memorizing, if desired.

All women are invited to get the information online at **Sweet Blessings** and to do this guided study with Washington Women's Bible Study.

The [Wednesday night](#) women's study at FUMC Washington, lead by Beth Page will not meet this fall.

The [Thursday morning](#) study at Chocowinity UMC, lead by June Arnold will not meet this fall.

The WWBS board will make an announcement in January, 2021, regarding plans for the new year. For more information call Lorre Bowen at [252-944-6548](tel:252-944-6548).