



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This Week at St. Peter's
Feb 4th-Feb. 11th, 2024

Latest News

Confirmation Classes: St. Peter's is offering Confirmation Preparation Study in advance of Bishop Rob Hirschfeld's visit to St Peter's on February 18th. Confirmation is a sacramental rite that lets people deepen their relationship with God, affirm their identity as an Episcopalian, and recommit to participating in God's mission. See Rev Jay or Rev Jo if you are interested.

St. Peter's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 13th, from 5:30PM-6:45PM. We will be "emptying the cupboards" as we prepare for the season of Lent. Pancakes, sausage, and fun are on the agenda! Plan on being there. There is a signup sheet in the church narthex for those able to help with cooking and clean up.

Preparing for Lent: It is almost the season of Lent - a time for prayer and reflection! Ash Wednesday is February 14. You might be thinking about giving something up ... but how about taking something on instead?! The United Thank Offering gives us the opportunity to take time each day to give thanks for the blessings in our lives. On the table in the Narthex there are Mite Boxes (to collect your financial offerings), prayer books, prayer cards, and Lent calendars to help you with your Lenten observance. Please help yourself!

Lenten Education Series: Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week, starts Monday evening, February 19th, at 6:30PM. This will be the first of five weekly sessions. Reserve your copy of the companion Study Guide now. See Rev. Jo for details.

February St. Peter's Reads—The Measure by Nikki Erlick, we will meet on Sunday, Feb. 25th, after church to discuss this book. This book is enchanting and deeply uplifting, *The Measure* is a sweeping, ambitious, and invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest.

End 68 Hours of Hunger, February 3rd, 9AM. Rockingham Christian Church, 2 Keewaydin Drive, Salem, NH. Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we assist with this program that puts nourishing food in the hands of needy school children to carry them through the weekend. See Sandy Perry with questions.

Grow:

Sunday Morning Adult Scripture Study - We are meeting each Sunday at 8:30 in the undercroft (basement) of the church. Our study will revolve around the day's lessons and Gospel. The lesson is available on-line prior to each Sunday's class. Please contact Gail Peters, fairwinds224@gmail.com, 207 271-1018 to learn more.

Lectio Divina on Thursdays: Join us each Thursday at 11:00 am in the Rector's office to practice Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) together. This is a beautiful and ancient practice of reading scripture in a way that invites silence, listening, and space.

Intergenerational Spiritual Formation, February 4th, 2024. We invite you to join us one Sunday a month to Praise, Create, Learn, Serve, and Grow together in a family friendly, uplifting experience. Please see Leslie Blake with any questions.

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve:

Nashua Soup Kitchen: St Peter's is starting a new relationship with NSK this month, including our first volunteer dates. NSK offers a place for needy individuals and families to eat a nourishing breakfast and dinner in an uplifting environment six days a week. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, and clean up, Mon-Sat, 8am to 6pm. You can volunteer with the St. Peter's team one time or once every couple of months. Contact Lee O'Connor at 781-801-8161 or visit NSK's website www.nsk.org to volunteer.

St. Andrew's Food Pantry Help: The food pantry at St. Andrew's in Manchester is looking for a specific list of goods: *crackers, breakfast bars, granola bars, pop tarts, fruit snacks, fruit cocktails, juice boxes, ramen noodles, spaghetti, and canned chicken and tuna*. There will be a Rubbermaid bin under the awning at the church where you can drop off your donations. Jackie Thesse has joyfully volunteered to bring what is collected to St. Andrews on the first and third Mondays of the month.

St. Peter's Recycling: Help is needed to reduce and manage waste at St. Peter's, as we do not have trash pickup. Recycling bins have been set up in the church kitchen and in fellowship hall for sorting. If possible, coffee hour hosts should carry items to be recycled and leftover food home.

Give:

On-Line Giving: **Our new software, ChurchTrac, allows on-line giving using Stripe. The fee is 2.1% plus \$.30 which the church pays. You will have the option of covering this cost when you activate your donation. We encourage anyone interested in on-line giving to use this method because it gives you the option of donating for the purpose that you want and also deposits the donation directly into your pledge account. You may also use this URL as an alternative: [St. Peter's Episcopal Church Londonderry NH \(churchtrac.com\)](https://st-peters-londonderry-nh.churchtrac.com) If you need a copy of the instructions for using church connect on your smart phone, please contact David MacDonald, treasurer@stpeterslondonderry.org.**

Things to Know:

Transition Team: St. Peter's Transition Committee met with Tina Pickering, Canon to the Ordinary recently to discuss the interview and call process. Our Clergy position is now being advertised on the clergy job posting website. Contact any committee member if you have questions: Jean Fugina, Chris Bacho, Pam Walker, Steve Billeci-DeLong, Judy Lenfest, Lee O'Connor.

Transitions: During this time of transition, if you have any pastoral needs, please contact Deacon Diane Hovey (203-980-5205) or email: dianel.hovey@gmail.com). Any questions regarding the administration and upkeep of the congregation, please contact Lee O'Connor (781) 801-8161) or Jane Cooper (603) 965-3113), our wardens.

Church office hours: Tues., Wed., Fri. 9AM to 11AM. Rev. Jo Barrett is in the office on Wednesdays most of the day. Our email address is church@stpeterslondonderry.org. **Please note** any contributions for this bulletin insert should be submitted to the church office by Tuesday, 10:00 AM.

Did you know that it is possible to receive Communion at home, rehab or the hospital? We now have 9 licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitors who are available to bring Communion to you. If you wish to receive communion, please contact Deacon Diane and she will arrange to have someone visit you.

Did you know that it is possible to ask for healing prayer for someone else? This is called intercessory prayer. When you come for healing prayer on a Sunday, tell Deacon Diane the name of the loved one for whom you wish to pray.

New Web Site: St. Peter's is excited to announce the launch of our new St. Peter's website, <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/>. The new site was created as part of the clergy transition effort as we hope to attract the best candidates for our open clergy position.

Text Scam Warning: Please be cautious...Neither St. Peter's, nor anyone employed by St Peter's, will ever directly ask for money via email or text. If ever unsure, you can call the member of St. Peter's noted in the text to confirm the intent of the email/text message. Never reply to an email or text you think is spam. You can report any potential Scam to the NH Consumer Protection Hotline.

Upcoming Events:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13th, 5:30PM – 6:45PM
- Bishop's Visit, Sunday morning, February 18th, 9:30AM. Bishop Rob Hirschfeld will be with us for his Biennial Visit.
- Lenten Education Series, Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week, starts Monday evening, February 19th, at 6:30PM. This will be the first of five weekly sessions. Reserve your copy of the companion Study Guide now. See Rev. Jo for details.
- St. Peter's Book Club discussion, Sunday, February 25th, after church. The Measure by Nikki Erlick.
- Brandenburg & Beyond Concert here at St. Peter's on Sunday, March 3rd at 3PM.

Help Wanted:

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord: The Altar Guild is looking for individuals who wish to join in preparation and cleanup of the church service. Commitment is typically monthly, and experience is not required, we will train. Come join a great team of people, and feel more connected to your parish community. If interested, please contact Jonathan Billeci-DeLong at (617)894-7421 or by email at jbillecidelong@gmail.com;

Craft Fair Youth Group Needed - This year we would like to have a local youth group assist us at the Craft Fair. We are currently looking for two areas of assistance: 1. Setup of tents on Friday before the fairs 2. Food Runners 11am-1pm the day of the fairs. If you know of a youth group, please pass on the craft fair email address StPeterscraftfair@gmail.org or provide them with Janet Robinson's phone 603-930-4900.

Deposit Team Ministry: The deposit team is seeking one individual wishing to offer their time and talent to assist in the counting and recording of the weekly church contributions (as a member of a larger group). If interested and you need more information, please contact Rick Ford at nhreford@comcast.net or Sandy Perry at noniperry@gmail.com