



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**This Week at St. Peter's
April 7th-April 13th, 2024**

Latest News

UTO Blue Box Ingathering. April 14th. PRACTICE GRATITUDE AND CHANGE THE WORLD. The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

St. Peter's Spring Clean-Up is this Saturday, April 13th, starting at 9 AM

St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Group will meet this Saturday from 10 to Noon.

St. Peter's Reads for April—Join us on Sunday, May 19th after church to discuss our current "St. Peter's Reads" book, Simply Christian, N.T Wright.

In the summer of 1976, recently widowed Ora Lee Beckworth hires a homeless old black man to mow her lawn. The neighborhood children call him the Pee-can Man; their mothers call them inside whenever he appears. When he is arrested for murder, only Ora knows the truth about the man she calls Eddie. **Also, we're looking for ideas for our next book!**

Gift to Our Loved Ones. On Sunday, April 14th, after worship, there will be a conversation about end of life issues (memorial service and burial planning, estate planning, legal affairs, healthcare directives, power of attorney). Please join us for this important conversation.

Holy Week Journey: Photos of our St. Peter's Holy Week Journey are available to view on this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/feuZ2H87UHbmFQSP7>

Pizza and Movie Night, Saturday, April 20th. Come watch The Jesus Revolution, a movie about a hippie street preacher, an unhappy teen and a straitlaced California pastor who create a new kind of church in the '70s. Pizza at 5pm, show starts at 5:30pm. Discussion led by Rev. Jay.

Grow:

St. Peter's New YouTube Channel: Worship with us on Sundays with our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/@St.PetersLondonderry, which offers live and recorded broadcast of our Sunday services.

Sunday Morning Adult Scripture Study – Join us each Sunday at 8:30 in the undercroft (basement) of the church to discuss the day's lessons and Gospel. The lesson is available on-line prior to each Sunday's class. Open this hyperlink: www.episcopalchurch.org/bible-study/year-b/ Contact Gail Peters, fairwinds224@gmail.com, 207 271-1018 to learn more.

Intergenerational Spiritual Formation, May 5th, 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:

St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Group. St. Peter's has restarted our Prayer Shawl ministry. Join us on the second Saturday of each month from 10AM to noon to knit or crochet shawls, scarves, hats, baby shawls, premie hats, or hand stitch other items. We are also making prayer cards to accompany these gifts of love. Teachers are available to help new knitters. We also accept yarn and donations to purchase yarn. There are many ways to be involved, so come and be part of the fellowship. See Deacon Diane with questions.

Nashua Soup Kitchen: St Peter's plans to volunteer at NSK in April. 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 that are needed: updated food pantry listing: small juice or milk boxes, rice, ramen noodles, pasta and sauce, cereal and oatmeal, canned veggies and fruit, peanut butter, mac and cheese, pudding, pap tarts. We are grateful for whatever comes our way. Our clients are very appreciative. Thank you to all the good people of St. Peter's! Jack and the St. Andrews Food Pantry Team. Jackie These has joyfully volunteered to bring what is collected to St. Andrews on the first and third Mondays of the month.

End 68 Hours of Hunger, Saturday, May 4th, 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 Karen Furtado with questions.

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). 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:

Want to know more about Province I of the Episcopal Church? Province I is one of the nine provinces of the Episcopal Church. Geographically, the province includes the 7 dioceses of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, (Eastern) Massachusetts, Western Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The Province's Mission is to further the work of and deepen relationships throughout the seven Episcopal dioceses in New England. They do this by coordinating the interdependent ministries of those dioceses in a spirit of mutual responsibility. Find the latest news at www.province1.org.

Transition Team: St. Peter's Transition Committee has been interviewing candidates for our open clergy position and those conversations are being shared with the Vestry. 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.

Upcoming Events:

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- St. Peter's Book Club discussion, will meet May 19th to discuss Simply Christian.
- UTO Blue Box Ingathering. Sunday, April 14th.
- Pizza and Movie Night, Saturday, April 20th. 5PM.