



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S JANUARY 4 – 10, 2026

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis: After church, THIS Sunday, January 4. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat and meet us in the undercroft. We are looking forward to hearing all your thought regarding this very interesting book on Christianity.

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am, Saturday, January 10. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month. We knit or crochet shawls, pocket prayer squares, make prayer cards, or hand stitch other items. No experience necessary as there are several people to teach or give advice on your project. We would like to see all who may be interested in learning new crafts at the January meeting as well as our current group. See Linda Campbell with questions.

Bishop Rob's Visitation Bishop Rob will be with us for his annual visitation on January 11 at the 9:30am service. Sign up to bring a dish for a welcoming coffee hour following the service.

End 68 Hours of Hunger 9am, Saturday, January 10. Join St. Peter's on the first Saturday of each month at 9am as we assist with this program that puts nourishing food in the hands of needy Londonderry school children to carry them through the weekend. Packing takes place at the Rockingham Christian Church, 2 Keewaydin Drive, Salem, NH, just off I-93 exit 2. See Karen Furtado with questions.

Deacon Diane Hovey is retiring! It has been my great joy to serve as your deacon these past 6 plus years. It's now time for me to retire. My last Sunday will be January 18, 2026. As I transition from serving at the altar to worshipping in the pews, some things will not change. I will always be a deacon and I will remain at St. Peter's. I will also continue to offer healing prayer two Sundays a month and individually for those who may request it. I look forward to continuing this next step in my spiritual journey with all of you.

FELLOWSHIP:

Bowling at Yankee Lanes 3pm, Saturday, January 17, at 3pm, St Peter's goes bowling! Join us at Yankee Lanes, 216 Maple Street (corner of Valley Street), Manchester. Cost is \$6.50 per game plus shoe rental. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Women's Monthly Lunch 12pm, Monday, January 26. We meet the last Monday of the month at Janie's Uncommon Café in Londonderry.

St. Peter's Men's Gathering 9am, Friday, February 6 in the Conference/ Dining Room. Bring your own coffee (or whatever) or use the Keurig and pull up a chair. If you have questions, speak to Bill Lannigan or Lee O'Connor. We meet the 1st Friday of the Month.

GROW:

St. Peter's Annual Meeting: Join us on Sunday, January 18 at 9:30am for our annual meeting that takes place within the worship service.

The Word on Wednesday – Lectionary Study Group 6:30pm, Wednesdays. It's a new lectionary year! Advent begins our study of the Gospel of Matthew through 2026. Join us for this spirited discussion on the upcoming Sunday's readings with emphasis on the gospel. Direct questions to Gail Peters, fairwinds224@gmail.com. [Zoom meeting ID# 831 0843 2668 passcode: 007113](#)

Year Compass After Worship, Sunday, January 11. An opportunity to reflect on 2025 and discerning where God might be calling you in the year to come. Year compass is a resource for thinking about how the last year went and dream about this year to come. Stay after church on January 11 to reflect together.

Faith, Action & Community – Continuing Conversation After worship, Sunday, January 25. Following out meeting with Bishop Rob, two needs were identified: finding ways for those of us who voted differently to truly talk to one another, and, determining what we, as a church, can do. We plan to share ideas and learn from organizations, like the Braver Angels, on how to listen and exchange views in an atmosphere of respect. As a friend who didn't share my vote recently told me, "It is better to explain than to shame." For more info, contact Fred Bates, fred3bates5@gmail.com

SERVE:

A new Shrubbery Committee! We're looking to form a committee to care for shrubs and plants growing on our property. We need folks with interest in the timing of pruning and methods to properly do so for various plantings. Please contact Marlene OConnor lonmoc@comcast.net

St. Peter's Clothing Ministry We collect clothing for homeless people in Manchester. Clothing donations can be dropped off in the plastic bin outside the church front door. Contact Emery Freethey with questions.

Blood drive at St. Peters 11am, Monday, January 26. St. Peter's is hoping to continue to host regular Blood Drives this year. Donations are at historically low levels so we need donors. You can help by signing up in the Narthex, or online, and by posting a flier around town.

Nashua Soup Kitchen 3:45pm-6:30pm, Thursday, February 5. We serve the first Thursday of every month. There is a signup sheet in the church narthex. Reserve a spot today! Contact Lee O'Connor with questions. You will also need to register online:

<https://nsks.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/STPETERLONDONDERRY>

GIVE:

St. Andrew's Food Collection supporting students at the local high school. Donations of cereal, pop tarts, breakfast bars, juice boxes, snacks, cups of fruit, peanut butter, applesauce, pasta, pasta sauce, and hygiene items like toothpaste, soap, shampoo, feminine products and deodorant. For more information, connect with Jackie Thesse, jtess2000@yahoo.com.

St. Peter's Legacy Giving Society Thank you to the founders of St. Peter's. Our church stands as a beacon in the community today because of the gifts of faithful generations before us. We give thanks for their legacy and invite you to consider how you can carry their generosity forward. You can share your faith beyond your lifetime with careful estate planning that includes St. Peter's in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through the church after your death. You can also make an endowment gift in your lifetime to make a difference today!

Loose Plate Collection on First Sundays The first Sunday of each month's loose plate collection funds both the St. Peter's discretionary fund and the Londonderry Good Samaritans Fund. These funds are used to help people in our parish and the Londonderry area who have fallen on tough times.

THINGS TO KNOW:

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 can 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 share the name of the loved one for whom you wish to pray.

Church office hours Monday thru Thursday, 9-11. Our email address is church@stpeterslondonderry.org.

St. Peter's 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.

Snow Cancellations: Again, this year please tune into TV Channel WMUR to get information on Sunday Church Service cancellations.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- “Mere Christianity” book discussion, Sunday, January 4, 10:45am
- Pastoral Care Team Meeting, Wednesday, January 7, 10am
- End 68 Hours of Hunger, Saturday, January 10, 9:00 – 11:00am
- Prayer Shawl Group, Saturday, January 10, 10am-12pm
- Bishop Rob’s visitation, January 11, 9:30am
- Year Compass, Sunday, January 11, after worship
- Bowling at Yankee Lanes, Saturday, January 17, 3pm
- **Annual Meeting, January 18, 9:30am**
- Vestry Meeting, January 26, 6:30pm
- Blood Drive, Monday, January 26, 11am

MID-WEEK EVERY WEEK:

- **Caregivers Support Group** – Mondays, 1pm – A space for community for those who care for loved ones. We talk about the challenges of managing healthcare, relationships, and emotions.
- **Choir Practice** – Tuesdays, 6:45pm – Talk to Emery about lending your voice to lift up the community!
- **Meditation and Spiritual Friendship** – Tuesdays, 11am – Join us at 11 for meditation or after 11:30 for book discussion about a short passage of “Life Together” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- **AA Women’s 12-Step Meeting** – Wednesdays, 12pm
- **The Word on Wednesdays** – Wednesdays, 6:30pm, on Zoom