



ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S OCTOBER 11 – 18, 2026

St Peter's Beautification Day! Saturday, October 10, at 9am. The Gardening Committee and Property Committee are joining together for a Fall workday on October 10 at 9:00 am. We are looking for "helping hands" to join us as we tackle our Fall "to do" list. Any amount of time you can give us that day will be appreciated. Please bring your own tools such as hand clippers, shovel for digging. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Contact Carol if you have questions.

Bishop Election Conversation, Sunday, October 11, after church. Join us in the undercroft for a conversation about electing a bishop. We'll talk about how bishops are chosen in the Episcopal Church, share our impressions of the three candidates, and answer any questions you bring. The meet and greets are available in-person and online:

<https://www.nhepiscopalbishoptransition.org/meet-and-greets>

Brandenburg and Beyond Concert Sunday, October 11, 3pm. A 'Contemporary Baroque' chamber music performance. Featuring works by Ezawen, Erickson and O'Toole. Instruments will include Flute and strings. This concert is supported by a free-will offering at the door.

Thank you from Emery to everyone for a wonderful 30th Anniversary party.

ChIPs Collection Sunday, September 27 thru Sunday, October 18. Every year, at our conventions, the Diocese of New Hampshire collects Christmas presents for Children of Incarcerated People. Children of all ages are given a book and present. [Gift Guidelines:](#) Unwrapped gifts, in their packaging, worth \$25.00 for ages 0-15. Please include batteries as necessary. Gender-neutral items are encouraged. Leave your gifts in the box in the Narthex. For more specific guidance on prison-appropriate gifts, speak to Carol Bates.

Grace in Action, this year's Stewardship campaign, will be collecting items needed by 68 Hours of Hunger. A donation box will be located in the Narthex. They need specific items: mini cereal boxes, jelly, canned tuna and soup, canned pasta, individually wrapped snacks, oatmeal cups, and fruit cups. Thank you for your support.

Crop Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 18, 12pm. Raising money and awareness about hunger in Greater Nashua and Southern New Hampshire. Join Janet Robinson, Sally Nelson and more for a stroll through Nashua. This is a fun fall tradition and an important issue. Walk or donate, the link can be found here: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/happy-feet-helping-hands>

FELLOWSHIP:

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

Men's Gathering Friday, November 6, 9am. 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry and Craft Group Saturday, November 14, 10am. We knit or crochet shawls, pocket prayer squares, make prayer cards, or hand stitch and craft other items. No experience necessary as there are several people to teach or give advice on your project. See Linda Campbell with questions.

GROW:

BCC36 – Read the Bible in 36 Months Sunday, October 25, 11:30am. Do you have an ambition to read the Bible from cover to cover? We will meet each month to discuss the current book. For variety, we will alternate New and Old Testament books. The October reading is the first half of Matthew (Chapters 1-14). We will meet downstairs in the Undercroft. Approach Gavin after church service for details.

Messy Church, Sunday, November 1, 5-7pm, and the 1st Sunday of the month going forward. This is a fun, hands-on way for families to explore faith together — no pews, no pressure, just creativity and community. It blends music, storytelling, crafts, games, and a shared meal to bring a Bible theme to life in ways kids and adults can enjoy side by side. It's designed especially for families who might not connect with a traditional Sunday service — messy, welcoming, and open to all ages and stages of faith (or no faith at all). Speak to Rev. Mary Beth if you have any questions.

Caregivers Group Mondays, 11am. A space for community and support for those who care for loved ones. We talk about the challenges of managing healthcare, relationships and emotions.

Meditation and Spiritual Friendship Tuesdays, 11am. session includes mutual support, reflection on a spiritual reading and a 15 min silent meditation. Questions? Contact marybeth@stpeterslondonderry.org

The Word on Wednesday – Lectionary Study Group 6:30pm on Zoom, WoW has returned! Each Monday the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings and Bible study information is sent to you. If you are unable to attend, you can simply be on the list of recipients for the weekly readings and study materials. Contact Gail Peters for information.

SERVE:

Nashua Soup Kitchen Thursday, November 5, 3:30pm-6:15pm. 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>

End 68 Hours of Hunger Saturday, November 7 at 9am. Join St. Peter's on the first Saturday of each month 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.

NH Mutual Aid Relief Fund - Clothing Ministry We collect clothing for homeless people in Manchester. Clothing donations can be dropped off in the plastic bin outside the front door. Contact Emery Freethey with questions.

GIVE:

St. Andrew's Food Collection supporting students at the local high school. Donations of cereal, pop tarts and breakfast bars, juice boxes, cans and cups of fruit, pudding cups, applesauce, canned pasta, pasta, and sauce, Ramen noodles, and health and beauty products like soap, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. For more information, connect with Jackie Thesse.

Planned Giving 2026. Every program St. Peter's runs today builds a stronger community for tomorrow. You can extend your positive impact far beyond your lifetime. Leaving a bequest to St. Peter's in your estate plan secures vital funding for our future. Planning is easy and lets you care for your loved ones first. Reach out to our planned giving team to discover how simple future planning can be (Karen Furtado, Lee O'Connor, Jackie Thesse, Jane Parthum).

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:

Need a Name Badge? If you do not have a name badge and would like to have one made for you, please add your name (as you would like it to appear on the badge) to the sheet in the narthex. If you have misplaced your badge or would like your name to appear differently to the one you have, we can make a new one for you also.

St. Peter's welcomes families and children! As a community we are working on building our youth programming. Kids of all ages are welcome in the service and at the communion table. During the school year we have Sunday School from 9:30-10:15 (kids rejoin families for communion). If you are new, feel free to explore our Sunday School space downstairs after the service. To connect with another St. Peter's parent with questions, email Kate - katepetersdo@gmail.com.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ChiPs collection, Sunday, September 27 through Sunday, October 18
- St. Peter's Beautification Day, Saturday, October 10 at 9am
- Sacred Harp Singing Group, Saturday, October 10 at 1:30pm
- Bishop Election Conversation, Sunday, October 11, after church
- Brandenburg and Beyond concert, Sunday, October 11 at 3 pm
- Saturday, October 17, Gratitude Supper at 5:30pm
- Crop Walk, October 18 at 1pm
- Diocese of NH Convention & Bishop Election, Saturday, October 24
- Blood Drive, Monday, October 26, 11am
- Women's Lunch, October 26, 12pm
- Nashua Soup Kitchen, Thursday, November 5, 3:30pm
- Men's Coffee, Friday, November 6, 9am
- End 68 Hours of Hunger, Saturday, November 7, 9am
- Knitter's Group, Saturday, November 14, 10am

MID-WEEK EVERY WEEK:

- **Caregivers Support Group** – Mondays, 11am – 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 for spiritual check-ins and meditation.
- **AA Women's 12-Step Meeting** – Wednesdays, 12pm
- **The Word on Wednesdays** – Wednesdays, 6:30pm, on Zoom