



**ST. PETER'S CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Sunday, November 9, 2025**

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***Please take this paper home*** and use it as a reminder of what is going on at St. Peter's and how you can offer your gifts and talents to support the many activities.

**LET THE VOTING BEGIN!**

Which suggestion is your favorite as the title for our weekly announcements?

1. Below the Belfry
2. Chapel Chatter
3. Fisherman's Notes
4. Quo Vadis Weekly (A nod to the legend of Peter's "Where are you going, Lord?")
5. Fisherman's Catch
6. Upcoming Inspirations
7. St. Pete's News
8. Church Chat
9. St. Peter's Postings

A brown envelope has been placed on the bulletin board outside the kitchen window (The one used for the flower signups). Please place your vote in the envelope by **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. The name with the most votes will be used as the title of this announcement page.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**



**Every Thursday-** Bell practice begins at 6:00 pm and Choir practice begins at 7:00 pm

**November 11<sup>th</sup>- Happy Veteran's Day!** The food pantry is closed. The office will be open.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>-** Vestry Meeting following the 9:00 am service.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>-** Community Thanksgiving dinner at Smyrna

Elementary from 2pm-5pm

**November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> -**Crafting Fundraiser- \$40 includes both days (Friday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 3pm-9pm and Saturday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> –9 am to 9 pm) Dinner provided. See Dawn Adams or Patty Murray for more details.

**November 26<sup>th</sup>-** Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 pm at Smyrna Wesleyan Church.

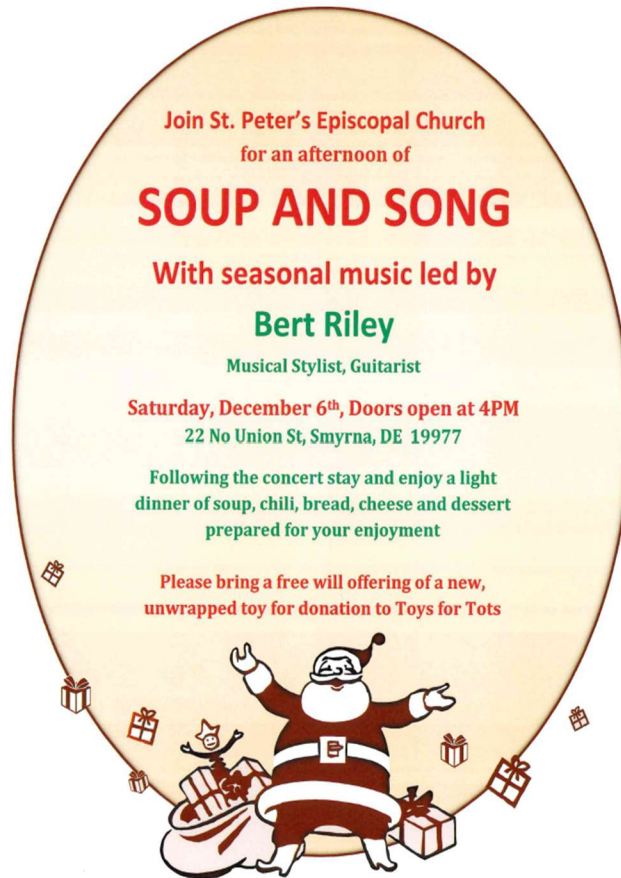
**November 27<sup>th</sup>- Happy Thanksgiving!**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>-** Soup and Song, 4 pm in the Parish Hall. Guitarist concert followed by a lite meal of soup, chili, bread, and desert.

## Fundraising Opportunity:

Thanks to everyone that came out on October 8 to the Celtic Pub for our dine out event. Everyone had a great time. We made \$300 from the event and \$184 from the raffle to help support our ongoing operations and programs.

## Evangelism Event:



## Search Committee:

The survey is now closed. Thanks to everyone who completed the survey. We had an outstanding response. If you were unable to complete the survey or have any questions, please contact our co-chairs, Dawn Adams (302-233-1095) or Tom Schultz (302-535-4086). The committee will be taking a couple of weeks to review all the information received. Please continue to keep us in prayer during this time.

### Prayer for the Search Committee:

*Gracious and Loving God, I ask your guidance and wisdom for the search committee. Bless these individuals called to serve, grant them unity, spiritual strength, and discernment to hear your voice in their deliberations. Keep them open to one another and to your will, nurturing patience and deep trust in you. May they be sensitive to your direction as they identify the shepherd you have chosen for us, and may the chosen priest be a faithful steward of your word. Instill in all of us, the congregation, a vision of the future guided by your Holy Spirit, so that we may be united in love and gladly accomplish your mission for us.*

## Opportunities to Donate:

The **November Outreach is the “DHCI Christmas for Residents”**. Please see “General Donations List” below. Items/Funds can be dropped off at St. Peter’s during Sunday Services, during office hours or mailed in (checks need to be made out to St. Peter’s Church with “DHCI Christmas” in the memo line).

### General Donation List

- Men & Women new sweatshirts & sweatpants are big sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, 3XL, and 4xl.
- Men undershirts in all sizes
- Men and women short sleeve shirts.
- Gift Cards (for example; Bath and Body Works, Walmart, Amazon)
- Men's and lady's Sunglasses
- Sensory games/objects (suitable for adults).
- Ethnic hair products, grease, gel, pink hair lotion.
- NFL, MLB & NASCAR gear t-shirts, hats
- Birthday gift bags
- laundry detergent (Pods) & dryer sheets, for residents that do their laundry.
- Tennis Balls
- Fabric to make neck pillows
- Any movies
- Any CD music-gospel, country, classic rock, today's hits, Elvis, the '70s
- For men and ladies, body wash (for example, Dove body wash) and body spray with the pump only/lotion (please no glass ).
- Men and ladies roll on deodorant
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes, plastic bags to carry toothpaste and toothbrush.
- Fingerless gloves to help roll their wheelchair.
- Long or stretchy necklaces, men's dress hats, baseball caps, and purses.
- XL to 5XL sports bras
- Men & Women's deodorant



### Joy Bags

We are participating in a community event that is collecting donations for joy bags to donate to the Smyrna School District for children in need this Christmas. Donations will be used to prepare a small gift bag to give to local children in the school district.

If you would like to donate monies for this event, please place donations in the basket located in the front pew. We will be sponsoring 8 bags (6 girls/2 boys) and will do the shopping for the items. Any remaining funds will be used towards our upcoming advent event that will feature a toy donation to support the Smyrna Police's annual toy give away.

***Have You Seen This?-November 2025-*** Each month a picture will be selected from around the church (including parish hall and office wing). There is a full color picture placed on the bulletin board across from the kitchen window and one sent in the weekly email.



*To play all you need to do is look around the building to see if you can locate where the item in the picture is located.* If you are playing in person, write down the location and put it in the envelope provided on the bulletin board. If

playing online, email the church office at [stpeters.smyrna@verizon.net](mailto:stpeters.smyrna@verizon.net) with the location. Everyone who guesses the correct location of the picture will be placed in a drawing at the end of the month for a chance to win a \$10 gift card to WAWA.

**Let's get out and look around to see how beautiful our church is!**



## Stewardship



The Annual Stewardship Campaign, has begun and will continue through November 30, 2025.

Jeff Smith will be telling his story today. We thank him for his willingness to share his story with us during our annual stewardship campaign.

Each week a question for reflection will be placed in the weekly announcements. During the week, please think about this question and how it relates to your story in your relationship with God and St. Peter's Church. If you have not received your stewardship packet, extra packets are located in the front pew of the church.



# Tell Out My Soul


## How My Soul Sings Out Through Artwork

I have a limited time on this earth, so it has been my goal to wake up every day and use my God given talents to the best of my ability. I don't think I am alone when I say I doubt myself in this process, but I do keep striving to create something that I hope will touch the lives of others and bring to recognition the light I see in the world around me. God is light to me. From an artist's perspective there is no color without light. I am thankful for the light because I love color .

In my travels I have learned to appreciate the differences of others and what they and their different surroundings, and lifestyles have to offer to all of us. I like to paint these and hope that my viewers can see the light that shines in them too. We are all people of God and I hope this shows in my art.

I also like to capture the light in landscapes. Whether it is shimmering water on the Caribbean Sea, a river in Virginia, lights on a dark road, or in a house late at night. That light tells me we are not alone. God is nearby. There is nothing to fear.

I am not a portrait artist, but I do like to paint people. I try to paint the light that shines in their souls. Eyes tell us so much about a person. Recently, I have been painting the neighbors at my mother's memory care facility to recognize those lives who were once full. Their light should not be forgotten.

I do believe that something greater than me has guided me through this creative process using me as a paint brush to tell a story. I love that relationship. It is pure joy. 



### Questions for Reflection:

Where do you see  
God's light?



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