



UPCOMING INSPIRATIONS
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
Sunday, March 8, 2026

Church Office (302) 653-9691 – Hours: Mon & Fri Closed, Tues - Thurs - 9:00AM – 1:00PM

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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.

Lenten Challenge continues..... Please take the time during the prelude as a time for personal reflection. In the pews, you will find some paper and pens, please write down a gratitude during lent and place it in the offertory bag or the basket in the front pew. The gratitude will be used to create a tree later in the year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



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

March 10th- TUESDAY---at 6:00 pm-Fundraiser meeting to discuss the Quarter Auction.

March 14th- I Love Smyrna School District Day- 8am-2pm at the Smyrna High School. St. Peter's will have a booth at the event. Please see sign-up sheet on the podium to help cover the table and meet the community.

March 15th- Vestry meeting following the 9 am service.

March 20th and 21st - Crafting Fundraiser- \$40 includes both days (Friday, Mar 20th 3:00 pm-10 pm and Saturday, Mar 21st -9 am to 10 pm) Dinner provided. See the flyer on the bulletin boards or the weekly newsletter for more details.

March 27th- Annual Quarter Auction Fundraiser at the Mamie Warren Senior Center. 5:45 pm- 9:00. More information to come. Please check the sign-up sheet on the podium at the front of the church for items needed.

March 29th- Palm Sunday---Easter Flower Memorials are due



Easter Flowers: Please submit your request for Easter Flower Memorials no later than **Sunday, March 29, 2026**, to be included in the bulletin. Forms are located at each entrance to the church.

Pastoral Care Update:

George (Lee) Clampffer is in the hospital and would love to hear from his St. Peter's family. His address is Wilmington Hospital, Room 9522, 501 W 14th St. Wilmington, DE 19801.

Search Committee Update:

- We have submitted our parish profile to Canon Brad. According to our consultant Cn. Brad has already read it and gotten back to her. He said "Fantastic. Lots of really good stuff in there."
- We wish to thank Mike Statham once again for the outstanding job of putting our Parish Profile booklet together with content provided by the committee. We couldn't have done this without his help.
- We will be updating our webpage and adding the parish profile once it's approved. The committee meets this week to discuss next steps to formulate interview questions and strategy.

Thank you to the congregation and ask for your continued prayers and support during this "process". We are ever mindful of the incredible trust you have put in us as your servants.



The poster for the 20th Annual "I Love Smyrna School District Day" features a large red heart and the text "I LOVE SMYRNA School District Day". It includes three small photos: a group of children, a woman at a table, and a display. The event is on March 14, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Smyrna High School, 500 Duck Creek Parkway. Activities include free food, FFA displays, 40+ community displays, classroom displays, districtwide art show, wellness screening, student mini-concerts, and more. Contact information for table reservations is provided.

20TH ANNUAL
I LOVE SMYRNA
School District Day

March 14, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Smyrna High School 500 Duck Creek Parkway
Free Food & FFA Displays | 40+ Community Displays | Classroom Displays & Districtwide art show | Wellness screening, Student mini-concerts & More!

If you would like to reserve a table for I Love SSD day reach out to andrea.mccready@smyrna.k12.de.us to sign up.

Evangelism Opportunity!

THIS SATURDAY- March 14th!!!!

St. Peter's will be participating in this event again this year. A sign-up sheet is on the podium to help with manning the table.

During the event, we hand out giveaways and talk to the people who stop at the table.

It is a large event and a lot of fun to attend.

Opportunities to Donate

March's outreach is the **Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium Food Pantry**. All checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Church. Please note SCM-Food Pantry in the memo line.

If you would like to donate food items, please draw an item from the baskets located at each entryway or choose from the following list of items:

CHEF BOYARDEE CANNED PASTA
CANNED BEEF STEW OR CHILI
CANNED CHICKEN, TUNA, OR VIENNA SAUSAGES
HAMBURGER OR TUNA HELPER
SPAGHETTI NOODLES AND SAUCE
RICE OR NOODLE SIDE DISHES
POWDERED OR BOXED MILK

BAKED BEANS, KIDNEY BEANS
PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY
CEREAL OR INSTANT OATMEAL
APPLESAUCE OR CANNED FRUITS
RITZ OR SALTINE CRAKERS
BOXED JUICES OR WATER

Final Sunday to donate old t-shirts is March 15th!



Do you have old t-shirts?? Are you looking for a good use for them??? If yes, then bring them to church! We have a member of our monthly crafting group who uses them to make jump ropes for Operation Samaritan's Purse.

A box has been placed in the front pew of the church (next to the podium) or they can be dropped off at the church office during office hours.

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the **Gospel of Jesus Christ**.

National Collection Week | Nov. 16-23, 2026



March is Women's History Month!

Take a moment to reflect on the quotes below. They are from well recognized women in history but are useful for everyone.

“Know what sparks the light in you so that you, in your own way, can illuminate the world.” — *Oprah Winfrey*

“The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity.” — *Amelia Earhart*



Have You Seen This?-March 2026- 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 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!



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Quarter Auction
 Friday, March 27, 2026



MAMIE WARREN SENIOR CENTER
 1775 WHEATLEYS POND RD
 SMYRNA, DE 19977

Doors open to the public at 5:45 PM
 Auction starts at 7:00 PM

What is a Quarter Auction?
 It is a combination of an Auction,
 Bingo, and Raffle all rolled up into
 one! Most importantly, it's **FUN!!!**



We have great items from **LOCAL** businesses!
 - Door Prizes
 - Quarter Auction
 - Food & Drinks available for purchase
 Bidding Paddles are \$5.00 each
 All-in option available per each bidding paddle purchase



Help St. Peter's Episcopal Church Raise **FUNds** to
 Support Our Ongoing Ministries in Smyrna

For More Information, Please Contact
 Church Office: (302) 653-9691 OR Patty Murray: (302) 741-2095



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

22 North Union Street
 Smyrna, DE 19977

Scrapbooking Fundraiser
Friday, March 20, 2026
3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Saturday, March 21, 2026
9:00 AM - 10:00 PM



Registration: \$40
 Includes:
 Scraping Space
 Dinner Friday (Meatballs)
 Lunch Saturday (Chicken Salad)
 Dinner Saturday (Chicken & Dumplings)
 Iced Tea & Water
 Please bring a snack to share 😊

There is room for 24 Crafters, with a minimum of 10
 Please register ASAP to reserve your spot!

Contact Dawn Watson or Patty Murray to register
 Dawn – skittnu@gmail.com or text/call (302) 233-1095
 Patty – pattymurray3@yahoo.com or text/call (302) 242-5091
 Please include your name, email address, contact phone number, and any
 questions or concerns you have when registering

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CENTENNIAL UMC'S
4TH ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING
 Fun & Fellowship

SIGHT & SOUND
JOSHUA
 Lancaster, PA

Thursday, August 6th, 2026
 Time: 7:30am

Tickets:
 \$180 (Ages 13 & up) Includes: Motorcoach transportation, show ticket,
 and an all you can eat buffet at
 \$100 (Ages 2-12) Shady Maple Smorgasbord

\$50 to reserve a seat.
 Tickets given when paid in
 full. First come. First serve.
 Payment plan available.
 Make checks payable to
 Centennial UMC

Bus will depart from
 44 E. Mt. Vernon St.
 Smyrna, DE 19977

For tickets & information
 Elaine Perkins
 347-454-1072
 Truee Dorsey
 302-561-0519

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Shari Morrow, Pastor