



UPCOMING INSPIRATIONS

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Week of September 6, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

September 13th- Celebration Brunch in honor of the search committee and recognition for the hard work they have done over the past year to find us a new rector. Brunch will be following the 9:00 am service.

September 18th and 19th- Crafting Fundraiser- \$30 includes both days (Friday, September 18th 3:00 pm-10 pm and Saturday, September 19th –9 am to 10 pm) See Dawn Adams to register at skittnu@gmail.com or text/call (302) 233-1095.

September 20th- Vestry meeting following the 9:00 am service.

September 27th- Fundraiser meeting following the 9:00 am service.

OCTOBER 2026

October 3rd – “Witch’s” Tea Fundraiser. We are still in need of gift cards or baskets for the raffle. Please see Dorris Wheeler to sign up to donate something or to purchase tickets.

October 4th – Reverend Sarah Nelson’s First Sunday celebrating here at St. Peter’s Church. There will be a Welcome Brunch following the 9:00 am service.

October 9th and 10th- Crafting Fundraiser- \$50 includes both days (Friday, October 9th 3:00 pm-10 pm and Saturday, October 10th –9 am to 10 pm) More information to follow. See Dawn Adams to register at skittnu@gmail.com or text/call (302) 233-1095.

October 10th- Saturday, Sacred Ground Garden Planting. Garden is located on the side of the church. Please join us as we plant local flowers to bloom in the spring. Time to be announced. See Shirley Biddle for details.

October 11th-Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet or a picture of your pet to be blessed during the service. All animals welcome!

October 17th- NEW Fundraiser--- Dinner Theater. Event will be held at the American Legion from 4:30pm-8pm. The show is *Monster Mash Murder Mystery* with spaghetti dinner included. Cost is \$60 per person. Funds will be used to cover the cost of the new roof. Look for more information to follow in the coming weeks. Please see Shirley Biddle on how you can help.

October 18th- Vestry meeting following the 9:00 am service.

WEEKLY MUSINGS BY SARAH.



My friends,

Some of my best fodder comes from my experience as a parent and from my five amazing children. In life there seems to be a reciprocity among things.

This past Christmas my second son Caleb gave me a small book, "It's a Beautiful Day" written by Fred Rogers. The book is designed as a book of days: a short paragraph for each day of the year. As I read the book each day, I can hear Mr. Rogers voice sharing comfort and ballast in a world that often seems overwhelming.

You guessed it, one of the first entries begins with iconic Mr. Rogers, "You are special. There is nobody just like you." Simple, straightforward, and understanding. Not some brilliant novel thought. Instead, just a profound reminder of what we already know to be true.

Obviously, I am enjoying this practice with Mr. Rogers. It reminds me of the song from the Bernstein Mass, written for the opening of The Kennedy Center in Washington DC. The song begins with a dark stage left in shambles after everything seems to have fallen apart. A single boy on a stage lit by only the single candle he holds. The child's single voice begins, "Sing God a simple song Lauda Laude. For God is the simplest of all."

Mr. Rogers sure had it right. It's not always complicated. At the core God is the simplest of all.

Opportunities to Donate



Thank you to everyone who supported the August Outreach of Backpacks for Education for students at North Smyrna Elementary School.

We collected 63 backpacks. This is a record number of backpacks collected since the fundraiser began.

Thank you to Terry Merrill for coordinating the event and delivering the backpacks to the school.

Look for more information to come on October's Outreach Event for the *Annual Smyrna/Clayton Ministerium's Community Thanksgiving Dinner*.



Have You Seen This?-Will return later in the fall. We are taking a break as we remodel the hallways and update the bulletin boards.

Continue to look around to see how beautiful our church is!

Looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon?



One of our members was a tour guide at the Air Mobility Command Museum for many years and is offering to take those new to the area, those interested in history or those who just haven't had the opportunity to visit the museum for a personal tour on a Sunday afternoon.

Please read Paul's invitation to the congregation and reach out to him to have a personal tour of the museum.

To All My Friends at St. Peter's Church,



As many of you know, I was a tour guide at the Air Mobility Command (AMC) Museum at the Dover Air Force Base for many years. Many of our newer members have asked me about the AMC museum and how they can visit.

*As we welcome our new rector in October, I would like to set up regular visits for any member of St. Peter's interested in visiting a **True Delaware Treasure**.*

*The museum is open Wednesday-Sunday's from 9am-4pm. It is **FREE** to visit, and **NO** military ID is required for entry.*

We can leave on a Sunday after church, and I can guide you through the many exhibits. These tours do not include the open cockpit tours. Those tours are done on Saturday and are very busy. Save them for your second visit to the museum.

I invite you to come with me on your first tour of a great place to visit in Kent County Delaware. We can take the scenic drive down rt 9 and stay off rt 13 and 1 avoiding all the tolls and congestion. Contact me at 302-653-8096 to set up a date to visit the museum.

Paul

“Cover the Roof” of St. Peter’s

We have collected \$19,883 as of August 31st for the roof project.

The new roof and gutter installation have been completed. The total cost of the project was \$129,190.

Look for more information about our Dinner Theater Fundraiser in October to support the roof project.

There are special yellow envelopes marked **“Cover the Roof”** for the contributions/pledges at each entrance to the church. When writing a check for your contribution/pledge, make the check out to *St. Peter’s Church* with a note on the memo line **“Cover the Roof”**.

The Vestry thanks each of you for your commitment, your contributions, and your prayers. We cannot do this without you!! All donations collected enable us to reduce the withdrawal from the investment account.



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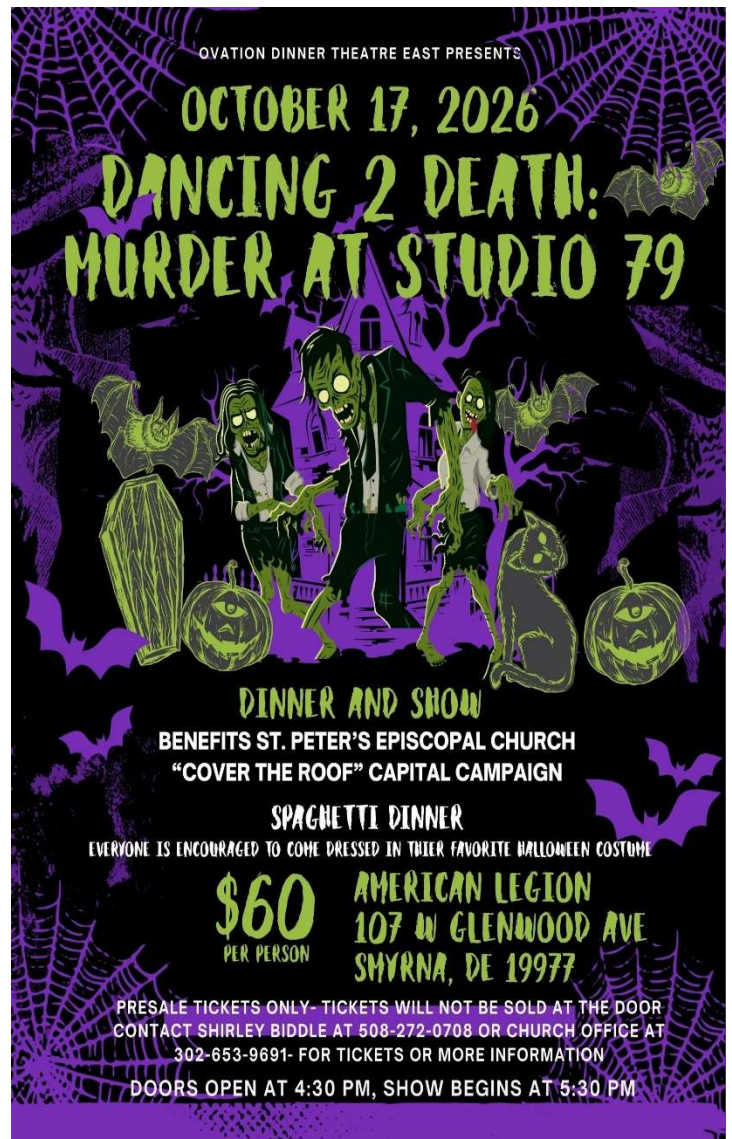
PLEASE BRING
A SNACK
TO SHARE

20 seats available, with a minimum of 10 seats. Book your spot today!

Contact Dawn Adams to Register
Email: skittnu@gmail.com
text/call (302)233-1095

Friday, August 18, 2026
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 18, 2026
9:00 am to 9:00 pm



OVATION DINNER THEATRE EAST PRESENTS

OCTOBER 17, 2026

DANCING 2 DEATH: MURDER AT STUDIO 79

DINNER AND SHOW
BENEFITS ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
"COVER THE ROOF" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

SPAGHETTI DINNER
EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO COME DRESSED IN THEIR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN COSTUME

\$60
PER PERSON

AMERICAN LEGION
107 W GLENWOOD AVE
SMYRNA, DE 19977

PRESALE TICKETS ONLY- TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR
CONTACT SHIRLEY BIDDLE AT 508-272-0708 OR CHURCH OFFICE AT
302-653-9691- FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM, SHOW BEGINS AT 5:30 PM