



UPCOMING INSPIRATIONS ***ST. PETER'S CHURCH*** ***Week of October 11, 2026***

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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.

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October 17th- Dinner Theater fundraiser has been **cancelled**. For those that purchased tickets to the event please see Shirley or Lisa.

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

October 28th- Wednesday, Celebration of New Ministry for Reverend Sarah Nelson, 6:00 pm, a dessert reception will follow the service.

St. Peter's Preschool Event: The preschool invites you to join them for Trunk or Treat at 10:30 am on Tuesday, Oct 27th- 4-year-old class and/or Friday, Oct 30th- 3-year-old class. There are 12 students in each class and set up time in either parking lot is between 10-10:15.

Fundraising/Events



Thanks to everyone who supported the Witches Tea in anyway. Everyone had a great time!
We raised \$3,291 to help support our operations and mission here at St. Peter's.



WEEKLY MUSINGS BY SARAH



Do you remember that feeling when you were doing an old fashion puzzle and after you laid out all the pieces and put together the border? Then you set out all the pieces and began to put them together. Finally, you found two seemingly identical pieces but this time, unlike all the other attempts, finally these two fit.

In that moment when the pieces fit there is a feeling of “tightness” a feeling of satisfaction, a feeling of belonging, a feeling of finding where you fit. Perhaps a corny illustration but you know that good and resonant feeling of belonging. That my friends is how I felt last Sunday, at the Witches tea, in the office the week before. The feeling is this fits! I have come home! I belong! I can exhale!

Thank each and every one for such a warm and gracious welcome. Thank you for the kind words, for the smiles, for the wreaths of abundance, for the flowers and most of all for the embracing me and the ministry that we share. I am grateful!

Now on to next Sunday! Please bring the important animals in your life. In person or in photographs, in your hands or in your hearts. In the tradition of Saint Francis, we will pause and in blessing, give thanks for these creatures with whom we share this earth. Once again, our worship will be a time of gratitude for all of God’s creation.

Opportunities to Donate



The October Outreach is the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** sponsored by the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium. Checks need to be made out to St. Peter’s Church with “Thanksgiving Dinner” in the memo line.

Funds can be dropped off at St. Peter’s during Sunday Services, dropped off during office hours (Tues-Thurs 9AM to 1PM) or mailed to the church.

Additional request for pies will be made in November- They will be collected on Sunday, November 22nd at the Sunday service and will be delivered to the event following the service.

The food pantry continues to accept donations. A list of the popular items needed have been placed in the baskets at each entrance. Please take a list home for reference when shopping. The pantry and those it serves, thank you for all that you give to support them.



December’s Outreach events will be DHCI Christmas for the residents and Joy Boxes for those children in need at the Smyrna School District. More information to follow.



The *Annual Stewardship Campaign* begins Sunday, September 27th through November 29, 2026.



Plenty Good Room

A Reflection for the Season of Creation

Questions for Reflection:

What is your role and responsibility in stewarding the Earth for future generations?



J. Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and believes in God's all-

inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.

The Season of Creation invites us to see the world not as a resource to be consumed, but as a sacred gift entrusted to our care. From the beginning, God's generosity overflowed in creation: light and darkness, seas and dry land, birds and fish, creatures of every kind, and finally humanity, blessed to live in harmony with it all. The first chapter of Genesis resounds with God's refrain: "It is good."

The spiritual Plenty Good Room proclaims the same truth. There is space for every creature in God's design, and the table of creation is wide enough to welcome all. Yet we confess that too often, we have lived as if creation is scarce and fragile only because of our own misuse. Pollution, climate change, and exploitation reveal the consequences of a mindset of scarcity – taking without giving, grasping without gratitude.

The Season of Creation calls us back to the truth of abundance. In the great economy of God, there is enough: enough food, enough clean water, enough beauty, enough shelter, if we steward these gifts wisely and share them justly. Creation is not a closed system of competition, but a community of interdependence, where every part plays its role and thrives in balance.

As stewards, we are called to generosity not just with our money, but with our choices: the way we consume, the way we share, the way we advocate for justice for the earth and its peoples. Every gift we return to God – whether planting a tree, reducing waste, investing in clean energy, or pledging financial support for the mission of the Church – is a testimony that we believe there is plenty good room in God's kingdom for all creation to flourish.

The Season of Creation is a chance to remember that stewardship is not just about sustaining the church, but about sustaining the world that God so loves. Together, may we proclaim with our words, our lives, and our gifts that creation is good, abundant, and holy.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."
— Psalm 24:1 [tens.org](https://www.tens.org)



**Join us for the
Celebration of New Ministry
Wednesday, October 28, 2026
6:00 pm**

St. Peter's Church along with the bishop will be celebrating
the new ministry of Reverend Sarah Nelson.

Stay and enjoy fellowship
with an ice cream and desert social following the service

