



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

South Windsor, Connecticut

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THE MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Our mission is to meet people where they are on their faith journey
and help them move closer to Christ.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 17, 2023

Welcome to St. Peter's; we're glad you're here! Please take advantage of the few minutes before the music begins to prepare for the service by collecting your thoughts in prayer.

8:00 service omits music

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Call to Worship – *Come and behold him* St. Peter's Songbook 44

Ministry Of The Word

*Processional – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Blue Hymnal 390

Acclamation Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Gloria S-280 8:00 p. 356

*Collect of the day (*contemporary said in unison*) See Insert

The Book of Exodus 14:19-31 See Insert

Psalms 114 See Insert/BCP p. 787

Paul's Letter to the Romans 14:1-12 See Insert

*Gradual Hymn – *Come down, O Love divine* (vs. 1-2) Hymnal 516

*The Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20 See Insert

*Gradual Hymn – *Come down, O Love divine* (vs. 3) Hymnal 516

Sermon The Reverend Jessie Akerson

*The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

*Prayers of the People Form III p. 387

The Confession BCP p. 360

*The Peace p. 360

The Holy Communion

The Offertory – *One bread, one body* Songbook 34

*Doxology Hymnal 380 v. 3

*Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

*Sanctus - Hymnal S-130 8:00 p. 367

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

Hymn after Communion – *I surrender all* Insert

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

Announcements

Blessing

*Recessional – *O bless the Lord, my soul!* Hymnal 411

Dismissal

For your convenience:

Guests & Visitors Welcome!
We invite you make yourself
known to clergy and
parishioners.

Please join us in the parish
hall for coffee hour after the
10:00 service.

Communion is open to all
baptized Christians. To receive
communion please stand at the
altar rail; to receive a blessing
rather than communion please
cross your arms over your
chest.

For everyone's safety, please
do not kneel at the altar rail to
receive communion.

Masks are optional.

Gluten free wafers are
available; please make your
need known to the Priest.

Today's Altar flowers are
given to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for John
Moran by Jane Perrin.

*Please stand if you are able.

Fall Book Study. Please join us for an 8-week book study beginning **today, Sunday, September 17 following coffee hour (approximately 11:30 AM).** We will be reading Messy Spirituality, by Michael Yaconelli. The book is written in a very accessible style, full of honest moments of doubt woven with enthusiasm for the desire to deepen the author's relationship with and knowledge of Jesus and God. Participants are welcome to bring lunch or refreshments. We will not meet on October 22, as a parish picnic is planned for that day. Books may be ordered via Amazon or purchased at a local bookstore.

Do you enjoy creating beauty with your hands and providing comfort for others? Come join us on Saturday, September 23 at 9:00 AM (Please note date change!) as we discern how to breathe new life into the Heavenly Hugs knitting/crocheting group. No previous knitting or crocheting experience required. We will try our hands at crocheting and knitting prayer shawls, hats, and scarves and discover how God is calling us to be part of his beloved community with the gifts of our own two hands. We will meet in the office wing meeting room; coffee and breakfast goodies will be provided. Hope to see you there!

The Property Commission will meet **next Sunday, September 24** in the **Large Classroom** at **9:00 am.** All are welcome – anyone who wants to join or who just wants to know what's going on.

Ladies Bible Chat will meet on **Tuesday, September 26** at **7:00 pm** in the **Office Wing Meeting Room.** All are invited to attend; it's a great learning and fellowship opportunity.

On **Saturday, September 30th** your Parish Life Commission is bringing you our **Progressive Dinner.** We will **begin at the home of the Waitts, 195 Washington Street, Vernon at 5:30 pm.** We are seeking a couple of people to host the soup course and ask everyone attending to bring either bread and salad, appetizer, or dessert. To sign up go to Sign-up Genius; the link can be found in this week's *Light Breezes*, the St. Peter's website, or Facebook Page. If you have question about hosting or how the event works, please contact Diane in the office.

All members of the community are invited to bring their pets, photos or mementos of pets, even stuffed animals to our annual **Blessing of the Animals** to commemorate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. We will gather at **1:30 PM Sunday, October 1 on the church lawn.** For everyone's safety, **please leash or contain your pet.**

We will be hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Monday, October 2, from 12pm-5pm** in the **Parish Hall.** Donations are urgently needed! If you are eligible to donate go to the Red Cross site to make an appointment. A link to the site can be found on the St. Peter's Website. Don't forget to tell your neighbors, friends, and family!

The Vestry has voted to **purchase a new dishwasher!!** (Happy Dance!) With an eye on how this purchase impacts our budget (\$3500+), we would like to invite any members who choose to help defray the cost of this item with a donation to the church. Donations may be

put in the offering plate or mailed to the church (note "dishwasher" in the memo line). As always, we thank our members for their generosity!

Would you like to remember or honor a loved-one with altar flowers? There are lots of dates open in the coming months. Please consider signing up to beautify our worship space with an expression of love.

The Little Pantry in the front of the Church is used often and, therefore, frequently empty. Please help by putting items directly in the pantry. Thank you. This week's suggestions: mac and cheese, cereal, and crackers.

Thanksgiving: for fall which arrives on Saturday.

This week we pray for the ministry of the Property Commission; for parish members John Bodfish, the Bradway family, and the Brin family; and for Nancy & David Torchio-Zembko and Marv & Brian Lammers who are celebrating anniversaries this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Priscilla Prior, the Torretta family, Margaret Jackson, Audrey, Harry, Niki Watson, The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Lucy Morgan, Alisha Morgan, the Zisser family, Michelle, Jondi Poe & Dominic White, John Moran, Lisa, Nancy, Peter Stambaugh, Kathleen Cratty, Hilary Urgo, Kathryn and family, Gloria Giammarino, Denise Mariott and family, and those committed to our ongoing prayers: Stu, Marilyn, Mark Moran, Kirk, Devon Walters, Pat Jennings, Rose, Malakai Roach and family, Rodger, Clay, Travis, Paige, Leonard, Bob, Mike, Ted, Dan, Laurie, Hal, Kerrie, Anya Houlroyd and Robbi Lyn Skipper, Barbara, Fred Wood and Matthew Wood. For our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad and their families, especially Richard Nuñez, Jr., Kenneth Fraley, Jr., Jason Dorval, Ryan Waitt, Luke Kunz, and Melissa Buonanducci; and the victims of natural disasters and human violence throughout the world including the people of Ukraine, the residents of Maui, and the victims and families of gun violence around our nation.

Readings for next Sunday, September 24: The Book of Exodus 16:2-25; Psalm 105:1-6,37-45; Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:21-30; The Gospel of Matthew 20:1-16.

Serving:	Today 8am	Today 10am	Next Week	8am Next Week 10am
Ushers:	B. McBeth	E. Barber	L. Eaton	G. Malone
Lectors:	M. Houlroyd	D. Rios	B. Hartley	D. Bennett
Intercessors:	M. Houlroyd	D. Ober	B. Hartley	D. Bennett
E. Minister:	D. IndomenicoA. Bierkan		I. Menon	A. Hubeny
Tech Team:	D. Hubeny			
Counters:	N. Eaton, M. Bell		T. Fornuto, D. Bennett	
Coffee Hour:	Bell/Rios		Bennett/Hoff	
Lock up:	B. Hoff			