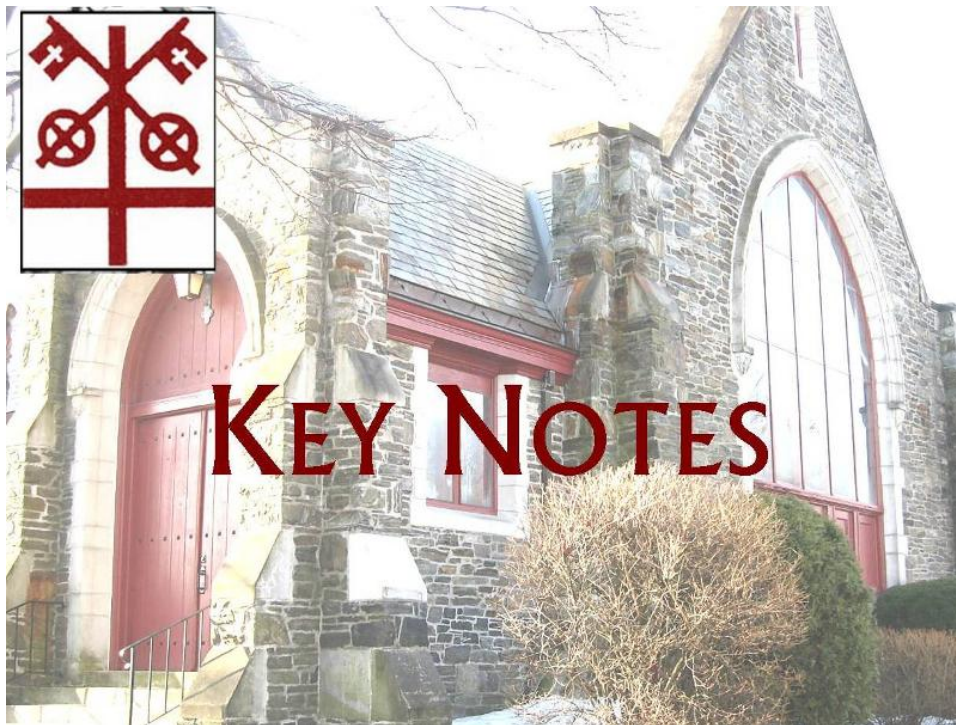




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 30, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Join us in person for our service. Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's YouTube page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

This Sunday's Ministers:

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Mr. Tom Ainsworth & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Meredith Tipton, *Counters*

Ms. Jane Noone and Ms. Kathleen McCormick, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

From The Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

This week, I was saddened to learn that Dolly Parton had died. Many of us loved her music, and I am sure all of us loved the joy and light she brought to this world. She was self-deprecating and very funny---but never at other people's expense. Dolly showed us all how to live into Jesus's teachings. She was born poor, but never forgot where she came from, nor did she blame people who did not escape poverty. She did not pull the ladder up after she achieved financial stability and fame. Instead, she gave freely of her compassion, time and wealth to help others realize their potential. Dolly's Imagination Library sought to give every child a fair shake by ensuring they had access to books from an early age. She gave significant funding toward the COVID vaccine. She supported those who were stigmatized or marginalized by others. She was always looking to see where she could contribute to the common good. In a world where greed, cruelty and selfishness are causing so much harm, Dolly shone as a beacon of love and generosity.

Her song "Coat of Many Colors" keeps playing in my head. It really captures Dolly's faith, optimism and refusal to let her material poverty define her. In contrast to Joseph's expensive coat in the Bible, Dolly's was a coat sewn by her mother of different colored rags someone had given them. Her mother told the story of Joseph's coat while she sewed, then "blessed it with a kiss" and told her daughter that "perhaps this coat will bring you good luck and happiness." Dolly sings that she felt rich, and when the children at school laughed and teased her, she tried to help them see how blessed she was despite her ragged clothes. What a strong and vibrant faith she had even as a child!

We have truly lost a treasure here on earth, but Dolly has joined the saints who now watch over us, and I trust that her beautiful spirit of joy and compassion will continue to fill and inspire us. May we all follow her lead and make this world a better place than we found it.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna



We all have ways of being Earthkeepers! This week, several of the Earthkeepers team moved soil and herbs into the emerging meditation garden. And at last Sunday's coffee hour, the Hickey family shared fruits, rolls made with zucchini, and flowers from their gardens. Thank you to all for your efforts and generosity!



REMINDER! Earth Keepers Retreat
Friday, Sept. 11
Camp Bishopswood, Hope

A reminder to Earth Keepers who want to attend the one-day retreat on Sept. 11 at Camp Bishopswood to please register [here](#). Please also register for [Summer Finale](#) (see below) if you plan to stay overnight.

PLEASE FILL OUT OUR MUSIC SURVEY!

As we search for our new organist, we want to know what you think regarding music at St. Peter's, and what you hope for. Please fill out



Coffee Hour & Parish Breakfast Update

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with coffee hour and all who have been helping throughout the summer.

We have one change to the schedule. Our monthly breakfasts will begin on September 13th, not the 6th, due to Labor Day weekend.

We are looking for a coffee hour host for Sunday, Sept. 6th. We will have a sign up sheet in the undercroft, but the good news is folks have stepped up and we are full most of September or let Kathleen know (kathleensmccormick@icloud.com). Sign ups for October will be available soon.

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, September 2nd, at its usual time, 7:00 PM, on Zoom.

Connect with our gathering by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!
Summer Finale Weekend
Friday, Sept. 11 - Sunday, Sept. 13
Camp Bishopswood, Hope

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine invites everyone to celebrate the end of summer together with a weekend at Camp Bishopswood, which is located on Lake Megunticook, about five miles from Camden.



All are welcome ... we really mean it! Although Camp Bishopswood serves our youth during its regular season, Summer Finale is a time when everyone joins the fun! That means households or individuals, friends and family, and YOU!

More details and registration info coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Doctrine of Discovery Learning Weekend

Thursday, Sept. 10 - Sunday, Sept. 13

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke

The **Council on Indigenous Relations** and the Province One Justice Network invite you to a long weekend of learning opportunities about the Doctrine of Discovery. The Episcopal Church has taken an historic lead role in repudiating this doctrine which so deeply injured our indigenous neighbors.

Events include "Interacting with Wabanaki History"—an interactive map experience, presentations by members of The Episcopal Church's Truth, Justice, & Healing Commission of Native Boarding Schools, and more. Registration information coming soon. Find more details [here](#).

Come Join our Sunday Ministries!

Every Sunday, there are opportunities for laypeople to serve as crucifer (carrying the cross), Eucharistic Minister, usher, videographer, and counter of the money received in the collection plates. We welcome your participation! **At the moment, we are in particular need of Eucharistic Ministers, crucifer and counters**, but all other roles are valuable too. If you are interested in serving, please talk with Wayne Franklin, Junior Warden, or Rev. Myrna.

This Week at St. Peter's
Compline, Wed. Sept. 2, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's
Vestry Meeting, Tues. Sept. 8, 6:30 pm, Undercroft
Monthly Parish Breakfast, Sun. Sept. 13, after the 9 am service

Sunday Minister Rota for September

September 6, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Usher*

TBD, *Lector*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Jonathan McCormick & Mr. Tom Sumner, *Counters*

TBD, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

September 13, 2026

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*

TBD, *Lector*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*

Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Videographer*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Counters*

Mr. Bob Simmons, Ms. Anita Chandler, Ms. patty Lamb, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

September 20, 2026

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

TBD, *Lector*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Mr. Tom Somnuer, *Counters*

Ms. Gerri Rose & Ms. Judy Howes, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

September 27, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

TBD, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Meredith Tipton, *Counters*

The Hickeys, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady
Allison Schroth
Francisco Andreu
Diane Dalton
Dino Rice
Robert Stillings
Pat and Fred Fowler
Mary Ann Hoy
Fred Madore
Alan Biagiotti
Jane Noone
Marc Lombe and family
Linda Foster
Garrett Keniston
Paul Loven
Anita Chandler
Melodie Gage
Bob Simmons
Herb Taylor
Cindy Sherwood

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Martha Gagliardi, *friend of Fr. Tom*
Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*
Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*
Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*
Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of Dino Rice*
David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*
Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*
Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*
The Kutasi Family, *friends of Allison Schroth*
Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*
Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*
Lisa Gorham, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*
Anita Talbot, *friend of Anita Chandler*
Peter Munro, *brother of Emily Hickey*
Todd Cheney, *father of Matt Cheney*
Jay Sprout, *friend of Tom Mousin*
Sandy Woolley, *friend of Judy Howes*
Amanda and Chris Conant, *friends of Jane Noone*
Pam, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Michael and Sue King, *friends of Anita Chandler*

Joe Kennedy, *friend of Jane Noone*

Mary Jo Floyd, *relative of Fr. Tom Mousin*

Frank Beal, *friend of Lenita and Rodney Richard*

Mary Lou Toye, *aunt of the McCormicks*

Cathryn Buckley, *sister of Judy Howes*

John Richard, *brother of Rodney Richard*

Jim Halstead, *friend of Craig Mousin*

Janice Grant, *friend of Jane Noone*

Dory, *friend of Judy Howes*

John Lazarczyk, *father of friend of Fred and Priscilla Madore*

Patrick Monahan, *brother of Kathryn Ainsworth*

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, Aschroth207@gmail.com

or

Emma Bond: 207-619-3662, emma.e.bond@gmail.com

A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

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