WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH TRANSITION

A dated record of parish transition updates

This document will be updated as new information is shared. Updates are listed with the newest first so parishioners can quickly see the latest news and follow the transition history by date.

Current Meeting Rhythm

- The Vestry meets every other Wednesday during our transition.
- The Liturgical Committee meets every other Monday.
- The Search Committee is meeting as often as needed.
- Finance & Administration met on Friday, October 23rd, 2026.

Sunday, October 18, 2026

St. Peter's Transition Update from Warden Tom Mac Arthur

The accelerated rector search has concluded without a call. Two candidates were considered: one was not considered a suitable fit by the four committee members who interviewed him; the other accepted a position elsewhere.

The Search Committee and Vestry have approved a job description, and work continues on the Parish Profile. Once completed and approved by the Bishop, the search will move forward through clergy recruitment platforms and advertising in Episcopal News Service to reach candidates nationally.

Meanwhile, the Wardens are exploring longer-term supply arrangements or shared ministry. Two retired priests who have served at St. Peter's have expressed interest in a rotation that could include Sunday worship and some midweek pastoral care. Additional priests are being sought to provide continuity.

Tom thanked parishioners for sustaining the church's ministries and asked for continued prayers for the search and clergy coverage.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

St. Peter's Transition Update from Search Committee Chair Robert Schmidt

The Search Committee continues its work and has received another application, which was scheduled for discussion at its Tuesday evening meeting on October 6th.

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

St. Peter's Transition Update from Warden Tom Mac Arthur

Tom MacArthur shared that the Search Committee developed a proposed job description for our next priest based on parish survey responses and committee discussions. Our listening session on

Sunday, September 13, following worship in the Parish Hall, offers an opportunity to discuss whether it reflects our parish's needs and hopes.

Tom also announced that Bishop Sally has offered St. Peter's an accelerated search process and has put forward a candidate for consideration. The Search Committee and Vestry will meet with her on September 9. Parish input remains important as discernment continues.

Please keep the candidate, Search Committee, Vestry, and our parish in your prayers as we seek God's guidance.

Sunday, August 30th, 2026

St. Peter's Search Committee Chair Bob Schmidt Update

On August 30, Bob explained that the Search Committee had completed a draft job description based on the parish surveys. The description will be shared with the congregation before the September 13 listening session, when parishioners may offer comments and identify anything that may have been missed.

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

St. Peter's Transition Update from Warden Tom MacArthur

As we continue through this season of transition, there is much for which to be grateful at St. Peter's. A recent review of our ministries showed that parish life continues strongly, with so many people faithfully sharing in the work of worship, pastoral care, outreach, Bible study, property, finances, hospitality, and the many other ministries that make up our life together.

The rector search is also moving forward. The Search Committee has received the congregation's survey input and has developed a draft Rector Job Description. The next step will be to invite the congregation to review and respond to that description so we can be sure we have captured what is most important for St. Peter's next chapter.

Work is also underway on the Parish Profile, which will introduce prospective candidates to our parish, our ministries, and our community.

We are deeply grateful to everyone whose time, gifts, and faithful service continue to sustain St. Peter's during this transition. Please continue to keep our parish, our Search Committee, and the discernment process in your prayers as we seek God's guidance for the future..

August 9, 2026

Transition update provided by Warden Maria Schmidt

Visiting clergy will continue to stay in the rectory and worship with us through August and September. At the same time, the Wardens are working with Bishop French and the Diocese to identify an interim priest who will serve St. Peter's until a new Rector is called.

The Search Committee continues its work, building on the more than 40 parish surveys and other feedback received. That information is now helping to shape a draft Rector Job Description and the Parish Profile.

This fall, the committee plans to share this work with the parish and hold one or more Listening Sessions to hear additional feedback as these important documents are developed.

Please continue to keep the Search Committee, our Wardens, and the entire St. Peter's community in your prayers during this time of transition.

July 26, 2026

Transition update provided by Warden Tom MacArthur

The Search Committee has completed its review of the Parish Survey responses and is grateful to everyone who participated. The survey revealed a remarkable level of shared hope and vision for the future of St. Peter's.

Those insights are now being used to develop two important documents: an updated Parish Profile, which will introduce St. Peter's to prospective clergy, and a Rector Position Description that will help guide the search for our next priest.

At the same time, the Vestry is working with the Diocese to identify an interim priest to serve beginning this fall and provide pastoral leadership during the transition.

Please continue to keep our parish, the Search Committee, the Vestry, and all those discerning this journey in your prayers.

Search Committee Update, July 18th, 2026

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Parish Survey.

Your thoughtful responses have provided the Search Committee with a strong foundation for the next phase of our work.

The committee has now begun carefully reviewing the survey findings, identifying common themes, areas of consensus, and questions that deserve further exploration. An AI-assisted summary was prepared to help organize the responses, allowing the committee to focus on the voices and experiences shared by our parish family.

Our next major step is planning a series of Parish Listening Sessions. These gatherings will provide an opportunity for conversation, reflection, and deeper discernment as we seek to understand not only what our parish values today, but also where God may be calling St. Peter's in the years ahead. More information about the listening sessions, including dates and participation opportunities, will be shared soon.

At the same time, members of the committee have begun reviewing

St. Peter's 2020 Parish Profile. The committee will use what we learn through the survey and listening sessions to update our most recent Parish Profile, ensuring the new one accurately reflects who we are today and our hopes for the future. This profile, together with the Rector position description, will become the primary documents used to introduce St. Peter's to prospective candidates.

We are grateful for your continued prayers as we move forward in this important season of discernment. We believe the strongest parish profile will be one that faithfully reflects the collective voice of our congregation, and we appreciate your ongoing participation in this process.

July 2, 2026

Search Committee meeting recap

The Search Committee met on Thursday, July 2, to continue preparing for the search for St. Peter's next priest.

The committee reviewed the search process outlined by the Diocese and discussed the steps that lie ahead. Work is now beginning on two important projects: reviewing the parish survey responses and updating the Parish Profile. The survey responses will be organized into common themes and reviewed. At the same time, the committee will begin revising the Parish Profile so it accurately reflects St. Peter's today and the ministry to which God is calling us.

To encourage additional participation, anyone who had not submitted a survey was asked to do so. A Listening Session to assist parishioners in completing the survey was scheduled for July 12 after the service.

The committee appreciates everyone's participation, prayers, and support as we continue this important work of discernment together. The search for our next priest is not simply about finding the right person; it is also about prayerfully discerning who we are as a parish and whom God is calling St. Peter's to become.

June 2026

Survey update from Bob Schmidt, Chair of the Search Committee

The Search Committee invited parishioners' thoughts and feedback as it prepared the Parish Profile and continued the search for St. Peter's next priest.

The original survey was emailed on June 15. A Constant Contact email was sent on June 24 with an online survey link and a printable PDF, and paper copies were made available at the church. Members of the Search Committee were also available during Coffee Hour on June 28 to assist parishioners and record their responses.

June 7, 2026

Update from Search Committee Chair Bob Schmidt

The Search Committee announced that a parish survey would be sent electronically through SurveyMonkey. Paper copies would also be available at the back of the church, and a meeting would be scheduled for those who preferred to share their thoughts in conversation.

May 31, 2026

Update from Warden Tom MacArthur: Gen and Joan remaining part of St. Peter's community

Following consultation with the Bishop, the Canon to the Ordinary, and the Vestry, it was agreed that Gen and Joan would take a one-month absence following Gen's retirement on June 14. After that time, they would be welcomed back as members of the St. Peter's community.

While Gen will always be a priest, she will return as a parishioner rather than serving in a pastoral role. The Diocese, Vestry, and parish leadership believe this approach honors both Gen's long-standing

connection to St. Peter's and the congregation's need to move forward faithfully during this time of transition.

April 19, 2026

Search Committee update from Chair Bob Schmidt

The Search Committee held its organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 14. Further updates would be provided as the process unfolded, including how the parish would be involved in the discernment process.