

HOPE CAN BE FOUND HERE!

A CALL TO THE CHURCH:

*To renew and strengthen our call as the church to be an
“Outpost of Hope” in our community.*

Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Nov 21, 2023

Outreach Funds - St Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church

Rev Julie Platson, Rector

The people of St Peter's by the Sea have been very generous over the years in supporting Outreach ministries in our parish, and in our communities - local, nationwide, and worldwide. You have made it a priority to listen to the needs of our neighbors, and to respond generously with your finances, in-kind-donations, and with your time and energy to support various non-profit and faith-based organizations and ministries that serve the most vulnerable among us. To name just a few...Sitkans Against Family Violence, Youth Advocates of Sitka, Braveheart Volunteers, Sitka Homeless Coalition, Salvation Army of Sitka, Blessings in a Backpack, and our monthly Manna Meal, have all been the recipients of your gifts.

Our ability to be engaged in outreach ministries, the most important marker of the fruits of our Christian call to walk in love with God and one another, depends upon financial donations, fundraising efforts, and in-kind donations of items and time and presence serving in the community.

Over the past few years, the COVID pandemic, and changes in our membership due to various life events, have affected our ability to organize fundraising events, but your generous financial donations have enabled us to continue to be engaged in outreach throughout the year.

As we look ahead to our ongoing work of providing outreach, I ask that you prayerfully discern how you might be called to organize some outreach fundraising activities, continue to save your Lakeside Grocery store receipts that help us raise funds for outreach, continue with your generous monetary and in-kind donations to help us serve those in our community, and continue to keep us informed of any outreach opportunities that arise throughout the year.

All monetary donations for the purpose of outreach will be included in our restricted account funds set aside for ALL of our Outreach efforts. Manna Meal will no longer be a separate line item because it is one among many outreach ministries that we provide throughout the year.

Thank you for the many ways that your gifts provide hope and healing to so many people!

The 2023 Vestry members: Mim McConnell, Mandy Evans, Loyd Platson, Sara Bergendahl, Lisa Moore (Clerk), Chip Camden. Treasurer: Sara Beaber-Fujioka.

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