

ReConnect and ReStore Annual Report, August 2024
A Ministry of St. Peter and St. Mary Episcopal Church



St. Peter and St. Mary received a \$3500 grant from the High Plains Region to help support the new initiative: ReConnect and ReStore. ReConnect and ReStore was founded based on the idea that we heal together in community.

By providing opportunities for people to gather and pray, create and practice healing movements we will begin to heal our community. The grant money was used to provide supplies, pay for snacks, pay leaders and to build up a web presence.

Our schedule of events in 2024 was:



December 2023: Praying the Magnificat: Contemplative Craft workshop

January: Healing Through Sound - A Sound Bath with Practitioner Sandra Saiontz of Heal With Sound LLC

February: Lenten Quiet Day - Prayer Bead Crafting with St. Andrews, Denver, CO

March: Ukrainian Egg (Pysanky) Decorating Workshop with St. Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles

April: Lectio-Visio Divina: A Practice of Heart-Centered Prayer with parishioner Julie H

May: Crafternoon & Guided Craft with Stephanie W

June: Knitting 101 Workshop with Nicola Donavan.

August: - Knitting 101 Workshop with Nicola Donavan - Part 2

September: Crafternoon Pt 2 - Vicar Rebecca

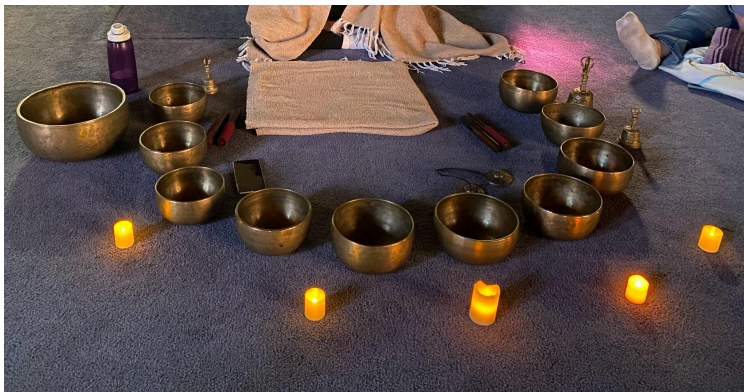


October: Celtic New Year Reflection and Meditation

November: Healing Body Practice - tbd

December: Advent Quiet Day -

Our average attendance is around 8 participants, with larger groups for Healing with Sound, Anglican Prayer Beads and the Easter Egg event. We have reached members of other congregations and non-churched folks at almost every event.



We have found that people are eager to gather and share creative practices and to participate in healing body practices. There is talk of creating an ongoing drop in knitting/crochet group to support one another and to knit or crochet prayer blankets and shawls. We are on a learning curve with how to reach more of our neighbors and look forward to growing in 2025. In 2025, we plan to have more Healing with Sound

Workshops, and some gatherings focused on repairing, or repurposing clothing. We have initiated conversation with Sobriety House, a residential addiction treatment center on the same block as the church to see how we might work together on some workshops.

We are grateful for the support of the High Plains Region as we continue to grow and develop this ministry at St. Peter and St. Mary.

