

## **Memorial for the Lost Comes to Hebron October 24-November 6**

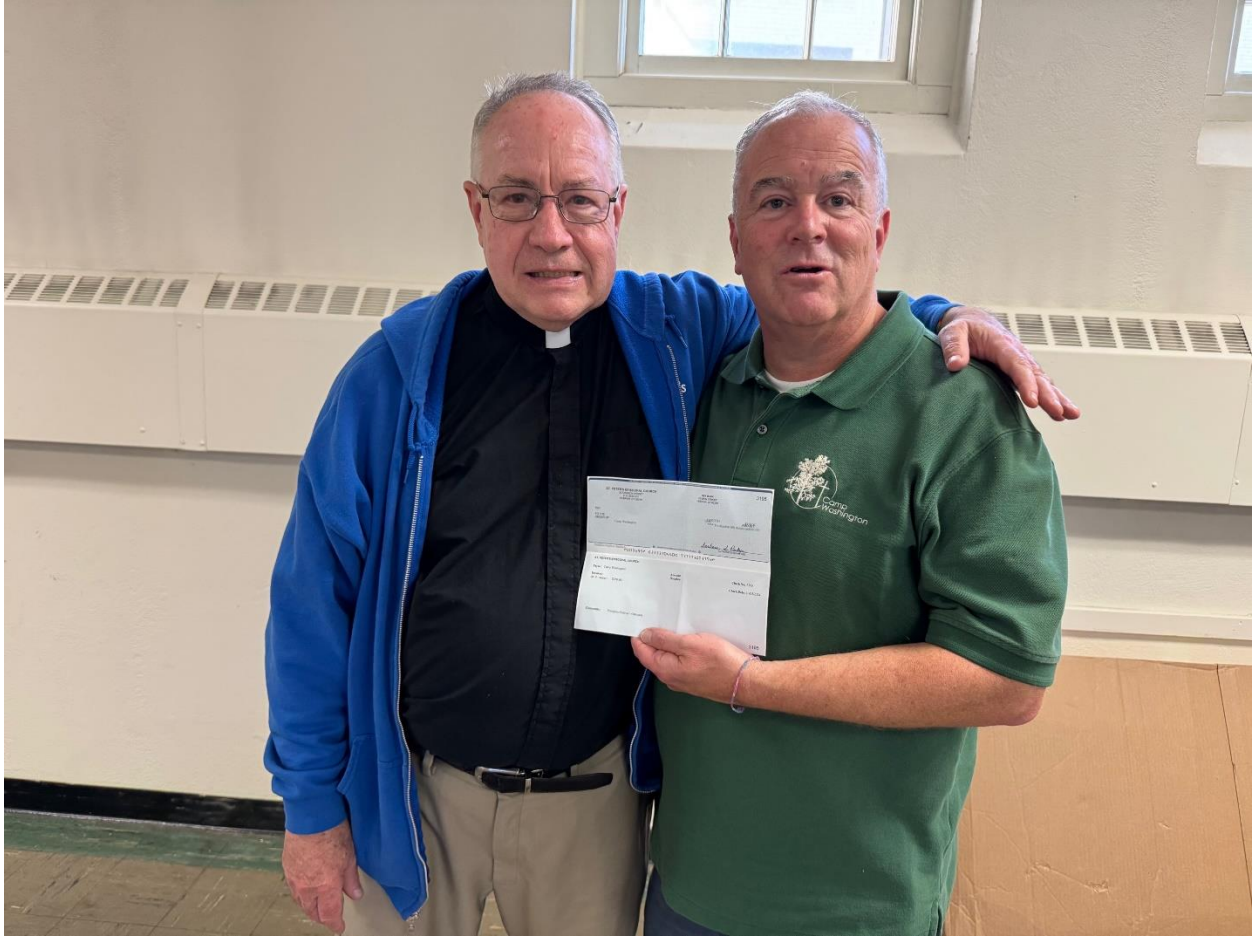
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Hebron will be displaying a unique memorial to bring attention to those in our state whose lives have been lost through gun violence. The **Memorial for the Lost** is a project originating at Camp Washington in Morris, the 107-year-old official camp of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (Diocese of CT). Camp Washington serves as a summer camp for children across Connecticut, but now is also a thriving conference and retreat center for groups of all ages, all faith groups, and other organizations year-round.

In the summer youth working alongside camp leadership joined to carefully and lovingly print 46 names, ages, and dates of victims of gun violence in Connecticut so far in 2024. These are individuals whose lives were snatched away in a variety of circumstances through gun violence: some through crime, some through suicide, some by gun related accidents. A sea of T-Shirts on stanchions will blanket the front lawn of St. Peter's Church from Thursday, October 24 through Monday, November 5.

On Sunday, October 27 St. Peter's Church services will focus on gun violence. Services at 8am and 10am on the 27<sup>th</sup> will highlight the problem and invite us to remember the sons and daughters, fathers and mothers who have lost their lives to this problem in our state.

Rows of white t-shirts are displayed on the front lawn, representing Connecticut lives lost. "Each of these people were loved and are loved. They are missed and leave a wound in a family that cannot be filled," said Ron Kolanowski, Rector of St. Peter's Church.

At its recent pumpkin festival in early October some of the proceeds raised went to support Camp Washington and specifically to support this project which is ongoing now each year as long as it is needed. "Hopefully, this is a memorial that will ultimately disappear because it won't be needed in the future.," Kolanowski added.



Reverend Ron Kolanowski, Rector of St. Peter's in Hebron presents a check to Bart Geisinger, Director of Camp Washington to support the Memorial for the Lost Project.