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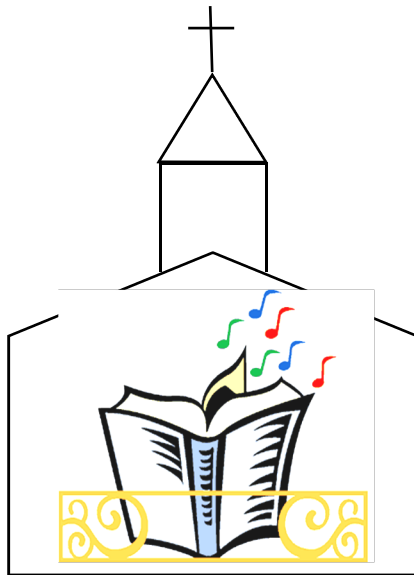
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# St. Peter's Church West Penn



where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

## **St. Peter's Church Mission Statement**

*“St. Peter’s Church is committed to providing a family atmosphere for people of all ages. We are a people who sincerely care about each other and the community. We strive to be one people, bonded by Christ's love. We look to the future for the continued vitality that we share today. Through worship, preaching, fellowship, and servanthood, may we reach out to all people as a witness to the living God.”*

# Cliff's Notes

The story of Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35) is so instructive for us to consider. Occurring on that first Easter evening, the Resurrected Lord draws near to two of his followers, but they do not recognize him. It is clear that they are aware of everything that has happened in the past few days. They even knew that some women came upon the empty tomb that morning and were told that Jesus was not dead, but was alive ! Yet, these disciples did not recognize the Risen Lord who was standing next to them.

Is this not the story of the modern church? We have waved our palms on Palm Sunday. We have shared in the Sacrament around the table and then stood silently as we heard of the Crucifixion of Jesus. We also reaffirmed that Christ is Risen Indeed ! But now that Easter is over, do we just move on with our lives?

Yet, the proclamation that Christ is Risen is as true today as it was on the day Jesus rose from death. I believe that our Risen Savior continues to walk alongside of us, but are we aware of that?

It is often in hindsight when we realize that we have not been alone in our lives, but that God was there to give us the courage and insight to get through whatever life throws in our path. Many call them "God Moments" when we are aware of the Spirit of God walking alongside us.

After Easter I encourage you to continue to attend worship; support the church; and to sharpen your spiritual awareness. Know that you have not been left alone. Be grateful and appreciative that God's Spirit has been with you. For the truth of Easter is that Christ is Risen and that He will be with us for all time and in all places.

Have a Blessed April; May the Presence of the Risen Savior be with you.

*Pastor Cliff*

## HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

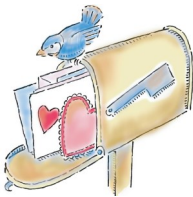
April 7th is the Sunday after Easter, a Sunday that is usually low in attendance. This year we will be celebrating *Holy Humor Sunday*, where we celebrate that God played a joke on the Devil by raising Christ from the dead. The sermon will be a mixture of jokes as well as inspirational stories. We will also have a time where members of the congregation can share a joke or two (Please remember to make them appropriate for all ages). Come and share in the joy of the Gospel.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

## New Members

If you are interested in becoming a member at St. Peter's (or you know someone who is), Please let Pastor Herring or a Board Member know, or call the church office.



## CARD SHOWER

We are holding a card shower for Althea Zehner who is celebrating her 105th birthday on Monday, April 1st. Her address is 2044 Valley Road, Tamaqua PA 18252.



## **Tithe.ly**

Forgot your offering or not able to make it to church? You can give directly to the church using our secure online giving through Tithe.ly. You can give one time or set up recurring giving. All giving is recorded and will be reflected on your end of year statement. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1564996>

*Church isn't where you meet. Church isn't a building. Church is what you do. Church is who you are. Church is the human outworking of the person of Jesus Christ. Let's not go to Church, let's be the Church.*



## Graduating Senior Recognition

We are planning our annual tradition at St. Peter's by recognizing the achievements of our graduating seniors on *Sunday, June 2nd*.

During morning worship on that day, there will be a time to honor our graduating seniors from high schools, colleges, our preschool, and technical schools. We would like to include highlights of the lives of our graduates and include their accomplishments as well as plans for the future. If you, or someone you know, will be graduating, please notify the church office ASAP (by mail or email). Information to include: Name, Parent(s)/Guardian(s), School, Degree, Recognitions, Clubs/Activities/Hobbies & future plans and a photo. All information is due on *May 22nd*. We are also seeking graduates to participate in the worship service. Let us know of your interest.

And, we hope the entire congregation will join in our worship celebration of these incredible young people with whom God has gifted us.

### **THE DAVID AND BEVERLY KNOEBEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Lancaster Theological Seminary offers this scholarship to seminarians who answer God's call to serve. Paying for graduate theological education can seem daunting. We're here to help you identify and manage financial resources so that you can pursue your education with us. The David and Beverly Knoebel Scholarship is just one of many offered.

We offer a variety of scholarships including merit- and need-based scholarships, book and match scholarships, as well as tuition-sharing scholarship arrangements with supporting churches, conferences, and denominations.

We also offer a unique, nationally recognized Student Debt Reduction Program that is helping our students graduate with less – or no- student loan debt.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 717-290-8741.

## Upcoming Sunday School Events:

**Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Every Sunday  
(unless otherwise noted)**

⇒ 3/30 ~ **Easter Egg Hunt**

Grab your baskets! The Annual St. Peter's Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30th at 1:00 p.m. SHARP. There will be egg hunt categories and prizes for all ages. Bring your camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny. Join us for an afternoon of fun!

⇒ 3/31— **HAPPY EASTER!**

⇒ 5/12— **Mother's Day**



Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School Class today. We have classes for all ages. Teachers and helpers are also always welcome. Anyone willing to be part of this great educational experience should see Samantha Kistler or Josh Hunsicker. Just remember, you can't ask "What would Jesus do?" until you know "What Jesus did and said!"

### **Don't Forget!!**

St. Peter's Annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt  
is scheduled for  
**Saturday, March 30th**  
1:00 PM SHARP!



**Remember, it is important to keep us informed of any address or telephone changes, including cell phone or work phone numbers, and email addresses, if you wish. Please notify the church office by mail, email or telephone. By doing this, we can keep in touch with you and provide you with important information regarding the church. Thank you in advance for your help!**

**The deadline for the May issue of the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, April 9th.**

# Retirees



**St. Peter's Retirees will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at 9:00 a.m. Come early and join in the card games, dominoes or other games; or just sit and enjoy each others' fellowship and conversation. A luncheon will be provided, so it won't be necessary to bring a bag lunch.**

**The Retirees are open to anyone; age is not a factor. They meet the second Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members.**

## Springing Into April!

By: Barbara Nametko

St. Peter's  
preschool



*As the weather warms up, preschool is discovering all the new things April has to offer! In between raindrops this month, we will be heading outside for nature walks. We will explore everything from the new buds on the trees, bugs, birds and hopefully we will get to hear and see some baby calves in the pasture!*

*We will continue to explore nature with a visit from the Carbon County Environmental Center this month. Our friends from the center always bring us awesome animals to learn some cool facts about. Preschool is hoping they bring their snake for another visit!*

*The letters V,W,X,Y & Z will be our focus letters this month, along with the number 9, the oval shape and pastel colors.*

*Preschool will be selling tickets for our annual raffle this month. We will be raffling off 2 Highwood Adirondack Chairs with a side table. Tickets are \$10 each and our drawing will take place on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. If you would like to buy tickets, please see any preschool family, or Mrs. Nametko or Mrs. Houser. Tickets will also be for sale after church.*

*Happy Spring to everyone and Thank You always for your support!*

V

W

X

Y

Z

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# ***ST. PETER'S DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS***

## **The Real Housewives of Cricket County**



Welcome to Cricket County – the land that cool forgot. With characters named Bodean and Chigger, what's not to love? The gals think being a housewife is the highest callin' there is. They're happy with their cookin', gardenin', cleanin' lifestyle, with neighbor-spyin' and coon-huntin' on the side – until "richer'n clabbered cream" Monica Northcutt crashes their quilting bee with her women's rights spiel. Discontent brews faster'n a jar of sun tea, and suddenly cookin' frog legs don't look so appealing. Though the gals say if you offered their husbands a penny for their thoughts, you'd get back change, the good ol' boys have the last word as they show their wives the true meaning of beauty: contentment!

**SHOW TIMES: (includes dinner & show)**

**Friday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday (Meatloaf)**

**Sunday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Sunday (Chicken)**

**Tickets:   \$20.00 adults                   \$15.00 children 5-10**

**Ticket deadline April 14, 2024**

**For Tickets call the Church Office at 570-386-4388**

**The church is located on St. Peter's Road just off of route 443.**

**Proceeds benefit the Organ Fund**





## Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

*The Joyous Noise offering for March totaled \$300.00 and was designated for Phoebe Ministries. Phoebe Ministries is guided by its mission to provide compassionate care to residents of its communities regardless of their ability to pay. Over fifty-six percent of their skilled nursing population, and a smaller percentage in other living situations, rely on Phoebe's charitable care program. The elderly and the poor – often forgotten in our society – are at the heart of their mission and ministry. Thank you for your support!*

*April's Joyous Noise Offering will be designated for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation which is the world's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the childhood brain tumor community. They serve more than 28,000 U. S. children and teens battling brain tumors by investing in the most promising research and providing practical, informational and emotional support to families for free. Nationwide events include Ride for Kids, and Starry Night Walk to Cure Childhood Brain Tumors. This foundation is near and dear to Brooke Zellner, one of St. Peter's own, and she thanks you for your support to this worthwhile cause. The funds will be sent to the Northeast Region of the foundation.*

*If you know of an organization or individual that could benefit from St. Peter's Joyous Noise Offering, please contact Samantha Kistler or Nicole Hunsicker. Thank you for your support!*



### **Recently Baptized**

**Weston Terry Wehr**

**Born Monday, October 30, 2023**

**Baptized Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**Weston is the son of Rodney and Brittany (Giannini) Wehr**

**Godson of Dayne Giannini and Jen Garrity**

**Brother of Waylon Thomas Wehr**

## ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

The current account balance is **\$22,600.00**

The *Kitchen Krew* held a Soup Sale in March. \$812.00 was deposited into the fundraising account. Thank you to our kitchen helpers for their hours of volunteer time and to everyone who purchased the delicious soup. Your support is appreciated.

The Belgian Waffle Sundae Fundraiser held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th was a success. Approximately 75 waffles were served. Special thanks to:

- All who attended and purchased a waffle sundae.
- Those who donated all the items required for this event (eggs, Bisquick, milk, whipped topping, ice cream, and strawberries).
- The women who loaned waffle irons for the morning.

The total profit, which includes \$26.00 from the 50/50, is \$778.50.

Congratulations to Jeanine Herring who is the winner of the St. Patrick's Day 50/50. Jeanine received \$26.00.

## W. A. S. P. News



*The next meeting of the Women's Association of St. Peter's will be on **Tuesday, April 16th** at 7:00 pm. Worship to be led by Bonnie Myers. Refreshments will be served by Charlotte Miller and Cathy Wehr.*

*WASP usually meets in the fellowship hall the 3rd Tuesday of every month, unless a special event is planned. All women are invited to join them.*

WASP will be having a Zook's meat pie sale. Selling chicken or beef pies..\$7 for small pies (6") and \$10 for large pies (8"). Order by **Sunday, May 5th** for pickup **Saturday, May 18th** @ the South Entrance from 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm.

**Say a Prayer for:**

Loved Ones of  
Matt Brickler  
Loved Ones of  
Thomas Smith  
Bruce Miller  
Allen Miller  
Gary Steigerwalt  
Sharon Horning  
Charlotte Solt  
Paulette Rex  
Ruth Miller  
Mike Canty  
Jeff Fogel  
Brett Neifert  
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Hazel Arner  
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Rita Yarmell  
Dr. Harry Berger  
Rose Marek  
Tim Phillips  
Diane Serfass  
Cassie Wolfe  
Evor "Butch" Williams  
Erlin Moyer  
Teresa Fowler  
Gregory Slivka  
Mary Lou McGowan

Barbara Kershner  
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Heintzelman  
Kathy Hoppel  
Mark Wolfe  
Shawn Phillips  
Leonard Miller  
Connie Heckman  
Gail Thon  
Patrick Pulanco  
Bob Goerner  
Rev. Russ Campbell  
Chester Jones  
Dan McMullen  
Loretta Beers  
David Schoch  
Erin Coombe  
Karen Lenhart  
Billy James  
Laurie Black  
Darryl Moyer  
Betty Breiner  
Sherry Seip  
Maggie Wehr  
Nancy Domanski  
Melinda Frey  
Linda Agosti  
Logan Pribila  
Bruce Wolf  
Lori Fairchild  
Franklin Mackes  
Mark Abrachinsky  
Greg Blackall  
Lana Kuehner  
Zayden Mabey  
John Kowlewski  
Aiden Kreimendahl

Mike & Bernice Delp  
Gino Lorady  
Kim & Dave Carson  
Louise Billman  
Tony Masor  
Sherry Walz  
Darlene Kunkel  
Erla Biasi  
Carolyn Kunkle  
Jillian Datchko  
Russel Stull, Jr.  
Donna Roderick  
Jaden Leiby  
Justin Klotz  
Gene McCormik  
William Shirar  
Amy Meixsall  
Jackson Delebar  
Austin Klein  
Melissa Drake  
Lorna Hart  
Carson Barron  
Caroline Lantz  
Nancy Barkus

**Those on Our  
Visitation List:**

Buddy Arner, Jr.  
Edith Coombe  
Robert Coombe  
Olga Faust  
Lynn Gerber  
Dorothy Miller  
Larry Miller  
Leonard Miller  
Velma Schaeffer  
Warren Steigerwalt  
Doris Wolfe

**If you know of someone to be added or removed from the Prayer List, please contact  
Rev. Herring, Chris Miller or the church office.**

**Our Military Overseas:**

*Deployed to Japan: John McGuire  
Deployed to Africa: Jonathan & Michelle Liggitt*

**Our Military ~ Active Not Deployed:**

*Patrick Donahue, II  
Mark Habel  
Dustin Hoppes  
LeRoy E. Kromer II  
Timothy Kromer  
Ezekiel Kuneck  
Sean Kurtz  
Antonio Lorenzo  
Dominic Lorenzo*

*Amanda Miller  
Lisa Miller  
Austin Resch  
Tyler Resch  
Trevor Schilling  
Andy Snyder  
Chad Wehr  
Mark West  
Scott West*



Our sympathies go to the family and friends of

**Mathias R. “Tuck” Brickler**

who passed into eternal life on March 14, 2024  
Please remember this family in your prayers.

*There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage  
'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.'  
Springtime is a season of optimism and hope and the Christian lives a faith  
centered on hope.  
Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone just as Good Friday has  
passed to Easter and beyond.  
We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us.  
Thank you, Lord for the hope that you bring, the renewal that you  
bring both to this world and to our hearts and lives.*



*~ author unknown*

**ALLELUIA!**

## **April 2024 Daily Lectionary Readings**

**Monday, April 1, 2024:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:1-19; 1 Corinthians 15:35-49  
**Tuesday, April 2, 2024:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:20-2:4a; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58  
**Wednesday, April 3, 2024:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Song of Solomon 3:1-11; Mark 16:1-8  
**Thursday, April 4, 2024:** Psalm 133; Daniel 1:1-21; Acts 2:42-47  
**Friday, April 5, 2024:** Psalm 133; Daniel 2:1-23; Acts 4:23-31  
**Saturday, April 6, 2024:** Psalm 133; Daniel 2:24-49; John 12:44-50  
**Sunday, April 7, 2024:** Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31  
**Monday, April 8, 2024:** Psalm 135; Daniel 3:1-30; 1 John 2:3-11  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2024:** Psalm 135; Daniel 6:1-28; 1 John 2:12-17  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2024:** Psalm 135; Isaiah 26:1-15; Mark 12:18-27  
**Thursday, April 11, 2024:** Psalm 4; Daniel 9:1-19; 1 John 2:18-25  
**Friday, April 12, 2024:** Psalm 4; Daniel 10:2-19; 1 John 2:26-28  
**Saturday, April 13, 2024:** Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30  
**Sunday, April 14, 2024:** Psalm 4 ; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48  
**Monday, April 15, 2024:** Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16  
**Tuesday, April 16, 2024:** Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6; 2 John 1:1-6  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2024:** Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18  
**Thursday, April 18, 2024:** Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26  
**Friday, April 19, 2024:** Psalm 23; Genesis 46:28-47:6; Acts 4:1-4  
**Saturday, April 20, 2024:** Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024:** Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18  
**Monday, April 22, 2024:** Psalm 95; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2024:** Psalm 95; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; Revelation 7:13-17  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2024:** Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31  
**Thursday, April 25, 2024:** Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8  
**Friday, April 26, 2024:** Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25  
**Saturday, April 27, 2024:** Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32  
**Sunday, April 28, 2024:** Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8  
**Monday, April 29, 2024:** Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26  
**Tuesday, April 30, 2024:** Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18



*Blessed are those who read and hear the Word of God and keep it.*

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