

St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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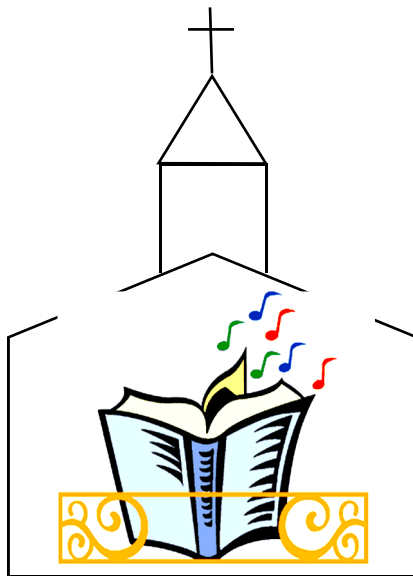
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St. Peter's Church West Penn



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."

Introducing our Interim Pastor

Greetings St. Peter's

I am the Rev. Cliff Herring. St. Peter's has hired me to serve as your interim Pastor beginning February 1, 2024. I was born and raised in Tamaqua so I am very familiar with the area. In fact, some of you may have attended high school with me (Class of 1965) or possibly with my brother or sisters.

I am a retired UCC Pastor who served St. John's UCC (Howertown) Northampton for 27 years before retiring from full time ministry. Since then I have served as a supply pastor and an interim in the Penn Northeast Conference. I am a graduate of Ursinus College and from Lancaster Theological Seminary.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you and to walk along side of you as you go through this time without a settled pastor. I admit that I have trouble remembering everyone's name so please be patient with me.

As we go through this interim situation, there will be times when we will have to work hard to get your church profile written, but also times when we can just gather to enjoy being with one another.

I hope to meet you at 9:00 AM on Sunday, February 4 as we begin this interim period.

May God share His blessings with us as we start this new episode in the life of St. Peter's.

Pastor Cliff

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 4th** following worship services for the purpose of accepting the 2023 Annual Report and adopting the 2024 budget. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

The February Cornerstone Newsletter is sponsored in honor of the birthday of Dave Hontz on February 22nd, and in loving memory of his wife, Minna.

Happy Birthday Dave!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
March Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, February 13th.



The Lenten Season Services for this year will again be shared with our sister churches as the pastors will be collaborating in the leadership of the worship services. The schedule is as follows:

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024 7:00 PM at Ben Salem

Midweek Lenten Worship at 7:00 PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Zion Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

St. John's Lutheran Church, 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton, PA 18235

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

St. Peter's Church, 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighton

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00PM at St. John's LC, Mahoning

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

7:00PM at St. Peter's Church, Tamaqua

Refreshments and fellowship to follow at each church after the mid-week Lenten services

Lenten Offering Envelopes



The season of Lent, a time to walk with Jesus, seeing him as he uses his healing power on the suffering and helping the less fortunate. Your Lenten offerings helps us to support our ELCA and UCC missions.

Lenten envelopes can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary or you can mail your special Lenten offerings to the church office or place the envelopes in the offering plate on a Sunday morning.

ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

The current account balance is \$21,050.00

- The Building Fund transferred 5% of the 2023 fund raising profits to the St. Peter's Discretionary Fund. The amount was \$1,686.95.
- We appreciate the generosity of the members who direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars throughout the year to the Building Fund account. The 2023 monies received was \$1,877.

We appreciate all of you who continue to support the fund raising efforts at St. Peter's. Happy New Year!



The Joyous Noise Offering totaled \$ 1,075.16 and was designated for the Brickler Family. Matt Brickler has been living with multiple sclerosis (MS) for over 35 years. He has persevered because of the unending and compassionate care given by his loving and supportive wife and daughter, his lifelong interests, positive attitude, thankfulness and his faith in God Matt has been hospitalized over 15 times in specialty hospitals since receiving his diagnosis and the progression of this disease has required the use of a wheelchair for mobility. The family recently needed to purchase a 2015 Dodge Caravan to replace their 2007 van that needed extensive repair and maintenance. The donations collected through Joyous noise will be given to the Brickler family to help offset the cost of the van that needed to be purchased to allow for less stressful trips to doctor's appointments and provides the Brickler family with more time together and the opportunity to participate in activities outside of their home.

The February Joyous Noise designee for February will be for a fund for 2 families in McAdoo that has basement flooding and need to replace their furnaces. McAdoo sits on the border on PNEC. This offering will be combined with funds from the Schuylkill Association Disaster Fund.

Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School and may be mailed to the church office. 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!

**Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil
- it has no point.**

St. Peter's
preschool



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Love Bugs & Groundhogs!

By: Barbara Nametko



Q

February will be full of love, hearts, and valentines. We will start our month learning about Groundhog's Day and hopefully an early spring. We will have fun making some cute groundhog crafts and enjoying a delicious groundhog snack.

Preschool will be inviting community helpers into our class this month, to talk about different jobs and how they are all important. We absolutely love our visits from our community helper friends! Our focus letters will be Q, R, and S along with the colors pink and grey and the number 7 and the heart shape.

During this busy month, we will also be celebrating Valentine's Day. We will be making tons of heart decorations in preparation for our Valentine's Day Party. Our party will include a special snack and craft to go along with our special Valentine card exchange.

Preschool will be fundraising with Gertrude Hawk Chocolate during the month of February with delivery in March just in time for Easter. Preschool will have brochures available after church or see any of our preschoolers to order.

Happy Valentine's Day and thank you for your continued support!



R

S

FLOWER FUND UPDATE

Laverne Hunsicker will now head the Flower Fund. Please make sure you select your date(s) on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the narthex, and see Laverne, or contact her at (570) 386-5337 to give her your order. Altar flower Sponsors: \$30.00 per altar arrangement, Piano Bowl: \$30.00 and \$30.00 for an extra arrangement placed on the organ.

We thank Susan Hunsicker for her many years serving as the Flower Fund Coordinator.

Say a Prayer for:

Loved Ones of
Chester Snyder
Loved Ones of
Trevor Christman
Loved Ones of
Helen Hayman
Jeff Fogel
Pat Conner
Charlene Miller
Ben Fink
Hazel Arner
Anne Scott
Bonnie Miller
Kenneth Breiner
Ralph Fisher
Paul David
Jim Koons
Dan Myers
Matt Brickler
Warren Steigerwalt
Rita Yarmell
Dr. Harry Berger
Wesly Whiting
Rose Marek
Tim Phillips
Diane Serfass
Cassie Wolfe
Evor "Butch" Williams
Erlin Moyer
Teresa Fowler
Gregory Slivka
Mary Lou McGowan
Barbara Kershner
Rev. James Seifert
Rev. Russell & Corrine
Heintzelman
Kathy Hoppel
Mark Wolfe

Shawn Phillips
Leonard Miller
Connie Heckman
Gail Thon
Patrick Pulanco
Bob Goerner
Bruce Miller
Rev. Russ Campbell
Chester Jones
Gary Steigerwalt
Dan McMullen
Loretta Beers
Teena Miller
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
Thomas Miller
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.
Matt Brickler
Edith Coombe
Robert Coombe
Olga Faust
Lynn Gerber
Dorothy Miller
Larry Miller
Leonard Miller
Velma Schaeffer
Warren Steigerwalt
June Williams
Doris Wolfe

Our Missionaries:

*Michael, Kay, Mikayla, Leilani, & Michael Killar
Maude, Valera, Zarina, Alexander, & NicolasMotovilov*

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
Charles C. "Chester" Snyder
who passed into eternal life on
January 18, 2024

Please remember this family in your prayers.



Recently Baptized

Lacy Monroe Osty

Born on Thursday, August 31, 2023

Baptized on Sunday, January 21, 2024

Lacy is the daughter of Zachary and Savannah (Adams) Osty

Goddaughter of Caroline Balogach and Nicholas Jones

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St. Peter's Union Church
Easter Flower Orders
Sponsored by
WASP
Women's Association of St. Peter's

IN HONOR OF _____

BY _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

BY _____

_____ Lilies	\$ 9.25	_____
_____ Daffodils	\$ 7.50	_____
_____ Tulips	\$ 7.50	_____
_____ Hydrangeas	\$ 16.50	_____
_____ Mums	\$ 9.25	_____

OrderDeadline - Sunday, February 25th

Money must accompany the order

(Make checks payable to: W.A.S.P.)

Give Orders to:

Lori Hoppes, home: 570-386-2440

Call or text to cell: 610-393-0901

or turn in or mail to the church office

W. A. S. P. News



The first meeting of the new year will be held on **Tuesday, February 20th** at 7:00 PM. Worship will be led by Jen Miller. Charlene Miller and Lori Hoppes will be in charge of refreshments.

They will be taking orders for Easter Flowers ~ the deadline to order is **February 25th**. There is an order form in this newsletter, at both entrances to the sanctuary, and also in the church parlor.

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

To the Congregation of St. Peter's,

I would like to thank everyone for your kindness and support during my family and our time of loss and sorrow.

Dot Pollock



St. Peter's Church, West Penn,

Thank you so much for your generous donation toward our Son's wheelchair accessible van fund. We are so honored to be the recipient of your Joyous Noise collection. All the thoughts, prayers and well wishes for our family and son mean the absolute world to us.

Our family hopes everyone has a safe, happy and healthy new year and holiday season.

Sebastian & Lauren Noecker

Thank You

Dear St. Peter's,

Thank you for the Christmas plant, cookies, candy and gift card.

Thank You!

Beverly and Alan Exner

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 Building Fund Roof Project

CONGREGATIONAL 2024 SURVEY

A Congregational Survey has been mailed to each household. This survey will help in shaping the profile of the church to call a pastor who will serve alongside us in ministry. Your input and feedback are invaluable to us as we seek God's guidance in this important decision. Please look for this survey in the mail, pick one up in the church parlor, or look for the link on the church website. Thank you.

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash

Wednesday

Sacrifice

Almsgiving

Prayer

Fasting

Lent

Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Easter

Palm Sunday

Purple

Palm Branch

Forty Days

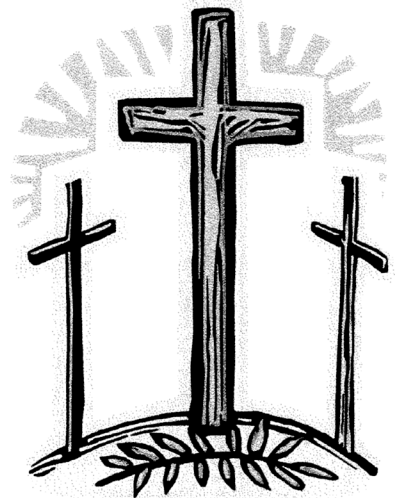
Jesus

Passover

Foot Washing

Resurrection

Love



Daily Lectionary Readings for February 2024

Thursday, February 1, 2024: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Proverbs 12:10-21; Galatians 5:2-15
Friday, February 2, 2024: Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
Friday, February 2, 2024: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Job 36:1-23; 1 Corinthians 9:1-16
Saturday, February 3, 2024: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Isaiah 46:1-13; Matthew 12:9-14
Sunday, February 4, 2024: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
Monday, February 5, 2024: Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37; Acts 14:1-7
Tuesday, February 6, 2024: Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 8:1-6; Acts 15:36-41
Wednesday, February 7, 2024: Psalm 102:12-28; Job 6:1-13; Mark 3:7-12
Thursday, February 8, 2024: Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 11:26-40; 2 Corinthians 2:12-17
Friday, February 9, 2024: Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 14:1-18; 1 Timothy 1:12-20
Saturday, February 10, 2024: Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 16:1-7; Luke 19:41-44
Sunday, February 11, 2024: Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
Monday, February 12, 2024: Psalm 110:1-4; Exodus 19:7-25; Hebrews 2:1-4
Tuesday, February 13, 2024: Psalm 110:1-4; Job 19:23-27; 1 Timothy 3:14-16
Wednesday, February 14, 2024: Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thursday, February 15, 2024: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:1-14; 1 John 1:3-10
Friday, February 16, 2024: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:15-25a; 2 Timothy 4:1-5
Saturday, February 17, 2024: Psalm 25:1-10; Psalm 32; Matthew 9:2-13
Sunday, February 18, 2024: Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
Monday, February 19, 2024: Psalm 77; Job 4:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-10
Tuesday, February 20, 2024: Psalm 77; Job 5:8-27; 1 Peter 3:8-18a
Wednesday, February 21, 2024: Psalm 77; Proverbs 30:1-9; Matthew 4:1-11
Thursday, February 22, 2024: Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18; Romans 3:21-31
Friday, February 23, 2024: Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:1-6; Romans 4:1-12
Saturday, February 24, 2024: Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:7-15; Mark 8:27-30
Sunday, February 25, 2024: Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38
Monday, February 26, 2024: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-12
Tuesday, February 27, 2024: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
Wednesday, February 28, 2024: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43
Thursday, February 29, 2024: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10



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

Tomorrow is never promised. . . .

Today, love a little deeper, kiss a little longer, laugh a little louder and hold the ones you love a little tighter.

~unknown

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