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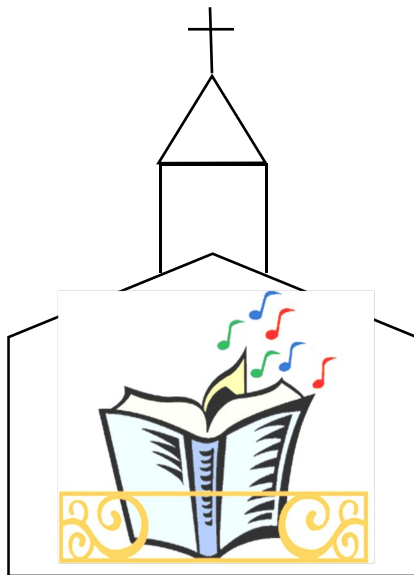
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where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

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 newsletter deadline is here and I do not feel I have anything of value to share. The words of Psalm 131 seem to resonate with my soul at the moment. *O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. (Psalm 131:1 NRSV)*

I can give you a number of valid reasons why I feel this way. I have just come down with a head cold and my sinuses are very active at the moment. Even though I took time off following the Labor Day holiday, life hasn't stopped. My "to do" list is getting longer even though I have tried to accomplish a few things. I tell you this, not because I am looking for pity or for your home-grown cold remedies, but because everyone who reads this should be able to relate to a time in their life when they felt empty, tired, and wanted just to run and hide.

Honestly, by the time you read this, I should be feeling better (I hope so). The busy-ness of September will be over. And, I may have gotten out to an amusement park some weekend to just get away from it all. Truth be told, life has its cycles and we go from times of joy and exhilaration to times when we are tired, worn, and empty. That is part of what being human is all about.

The last 2 verses of Psalm 131 , provide no easy fixes. It simply says: *"But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore."*

Most will say, "This too shall pass"... I know that. Some will remind me that there are many who have it a whole lot worse. I am very aware of that. But most of all, whatever kind of day you seem to be having today... remember the words of the Psalmist. "Hope in the Lord". He will not let you down or forget you.

Already I have found the first sign of hopeful grace. They served chicken noodle soup downstairs on the day I wrote this. God is Good ! Look for the small blessings that are apparent in our lives daily. We have been blessed !

Hoping to see all of you for World Communion Sunday on October 5th!

Pastor Cliff

HOME COMMUNIONS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

During the month of October, Pastor Cliff will be distributing the Sacrament of Holy Communion to our members who are sick or shut-in. If you or a family member desires to receive the Sacrament please call either the Pastor or the church office.



*Congratulations to
Logan Gage Bauer and Emily Meredith (Tonkin) Bauer
who were married on September 6, 2025*



Retirees

Retirees will meet on **October 8th at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and games. Please contact Sharon Herring if you are interested in participating so she can plan for the meals. If you would like to assist in any way, please let her know. She can be reached at (570) 386-3202. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message and she will return your call.

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

W.A.S.P. News

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 21st** at 7:00pm in the social hall.



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.



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

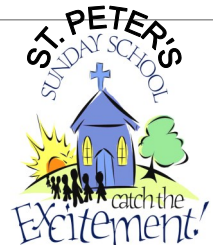
The Joyous Noise Offering for September totaled \$488.14 and was designated for the family of Steven M. Gill of West Penn Township. Steven was struck by an excavator and died as a result of his injuries. His sudden death left his wife, Tara, and three children ~ Jordan (12), Faith (10) and Magnolia (3) without their sole provider. Magnolia was born with special needs and requires full-time specialized care.

October's Joyous Noise designee is Gage Bishop. Gage will be participating in a Pediatric Diabetes walk at St. Luke's Carbon on November 1st. October's Joyous Noise will support Gage's walk and all proceeds will be donated to pediatric diabetes. Gage was diagnosed at age 7 and was in the ICU for just under a month learning how to adjust and make healthy choices. Always thinking of others, he has decided to give back to the people that have helped him the most during this critical time in his life.

If you have any recommendations for Joyous Noise recipients, please contact Samantha Kistler or Nicole Hunsicker.

Upcoming Sunday School Events:

- ⇒ **10/5** ~ Thanks to all who attended our September 7th Sunday School parents and teachers gathering. At that meeting, it has been decided that our Sunday School will have a different schedule. Starting on Sunday, October 5th, we ask all children from age 3 through 12 to attend the 9:00 AM worship as usual. However, following the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the blessing of the children, the children will be dismissed to go downstairs for their first Sunday School session of the year. Beginning on October 12 and following through on all non-Communion Sundays, the children will be dismissed from worship immediately following the children's time for their educational time. Sunday School will conclude by about 10:15 AM or so. During this time we are in need of a parent or grandparent or two to stay with the teacher(s) to help. It is our desire that this will increase our participation in educating our youth in their growing faith in Jesus Christ.
- ⇒ **11/8** ~ Pork & Sauerkraut Supper, Basket Raffle and Bake Sale ~ 3:00-7:00pm.



“Talk with each other much about the Lord, quoting psalms and hymns and singing sacred songs, making music in your hearts to the Lord.”

- Ephesians 5:19

Cherub Choir — Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Handbell Choir — TBD.

Senior Choir — Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

For those who have busy schedules but would like to be part of any of the choirs, you need not be at every practice.

If you have a love for music, you are welcome and encouraged to join with others to sing and play beautiful music “to the Glory of God.” Share this with your friends and neighbors! One does not need to be a member of St. Peter’s to join the choirs.



Zion's Stone Church Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival

Zion Stone Church will be held on ***Saturday, October 25, 2025***. At West Penn Park from 12:00pm – 5:00pm - 655 Zion’s Stone Church Rd, New Ringgold, PA 17960. Come out in your Halloween Costumes and trick or treat at 1:00pm with the Outreach & Fundraising Committees! The children can trunk or treat between 1:00pm - 3:00pm. The local Fire and Police Departments will also be there! There will be Pumpkin Decorating, cupcake decorating and you can take pictures with our fall display with the kids. If you want to participate in the Trunk or treat cars, you can register with Nancy Meiser at 570-205-9267. The Cars need to be decorated by 12:30pm. There will be Food to purchase such as, Hot Dogs and homemade sauerkraut, Homemade Soups: Ham & Bean, Chicken Noodle & Chili, Homemade Mac & Cheese, Homemade Apple Butter, Homemade Pumpkin Rolls, & Ice Cream. There will also be cider, water, coffee & soda to drink. We will have “Make your own” Carmel Apple station. Take a ride on a horse drawn wagon! Kyle Hoppes, owner of Crystal View Farms will have his beautiful horses and wagon there for anyone who wants to take a ride. In addition to the food, games, Horse drawn wagon rides & Trunk or Treat, there will be guessing chances and a 50/50 drawing. Proceeds from the Fall Festival will go towards building improvements, like painting of the outside windows, Louvers & Steeple. Open to the Public!

**Say a Prayer for:
Recent**

*Loved Ones of
Robert Krell
Loved Ones of
Mike Canty
Loved Ones of
Charlie Kirk
Kay Miller
Anne Scott
Holly & Jake Henderson
Lynn Long
Loraine Coombe
Harry & Janie Connor*

Ongoing

*Austin Klein
Beth Pravozino
Betty Breiner
Bonnie Miller
Brad Steigerwalt
Bruce Miller
Carolyn Lantz
Clyde
Cody Wolfgang
Darlene Kunkel
Darryl Moyer
Debbie Mooney*

*DeRue Kistler
Donald Hank Williams
Erin Coombe
Erlin Moyer
Franklin Mackes
Gregory Slivka
Hannah Frey
Judy Gerber
Kay Faust
Kenneth Breiner
Kenny Oliver
Leon Kunkel
Linda Garber
Loraine Coombe
Loretta Beers
Maggie Wehr
Mark Wolfe
Marsha Rodgers
Mary Lou & Jim Walk
Mary Lou McGowan
Nadine
Parker Brode
Paul David
Renee Troutman
Ricky Everett
Rita Yarmell
Robbie Trainer*

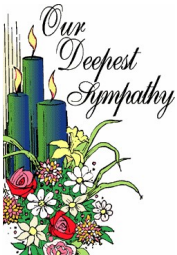
*Sharon Horning
Sue Hower
Teresa Fowler
Terry Abrachinsky
Tim Kistler
Wayne Lazarus*

**Those on our
Visitation List:**

*Buddy Arner, Jr.
Hazel Arner
Edith Coombe
Robert Coombe
Olga Faust
Barbara Kershner
Larry Miller
Gary Steigerwalt
Doris Wolfe
Althea Zehner*

Our Missionaries:

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



Our sympathies go to the family and friends of

David E. Hontz

who passed into eternal life on
Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Please keep this family and friends in your prayers.

Our Military Overseas:

Deployed to USS Harry Truman: Austin Resch

Deployed to Japan: John McGuire

Deployed to Germany: Joyce Steigerwalt

Our Military Active Not Deployed:

Mark Habel

Dustin Hoppes

LeRoy E. Kromer II

Timothy Kromer

Ezekiel Kuneck

Sean Kurtz

Antonio Lorenzo

Dominic Lorenzo

Amanda Miller

Tyler Resch

Alexis Scott

Trevor Schilling

Andy Snyder

Ryan Snyder

Alexander Thomas

Chad Wehr

Mark West

Scott West

Michael Zeigenfuss

World Communion Sunday– October 5th

Join with Christians throughout the world to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the same day, the first Sunday in October. For us it may seem much like a regular Communion Sunday, but on this day, we are reminded of the Church Universal.

While the words will be in many different languages, and the liturgies range from simple to elaborate, all Christians will be eating and drinking in remembrance of Jesus the Christ, who died for our redemption. Every member and friend of St. Peter's is invited to partake of this sacred meal in remembrance.



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 2nd, during our morning worship, St. Peter's will honor all our Saints who have passed into eternal rest since last November. There will be a special observance within the liturgy to remember these loved ones and friends. If you have a family member or loved one who you would like to be remembered, please contact Pastor Herring or the office. If you have a loved one you would like remembered that passed away prior to last November, please bring a picture to set on the windowsills of the sanctuary so we can be surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses"

Fantastic Fall

by Barbara Nametko



Fall has arrived and Preschool is ready! We are excited to watch the leaves turn colors, paint pumpkins, and for Halloween! This month we will also be working on the letters, D, E and F, number 3, squares, and the colors yellow, orange, and black. October is fire safety month, and we will be learning about Fire Safety. We will be discussing how to keep safe in an emergency and creating a fire truck craft. Our four-year-old class will be getting a visit this month from the West Penn Fire Company. We will get to explore a fire truck and learn about what an important job fire fighters have!

Preschool will be fundraising with Capriottis this month with delivery in time for Thanksgiving. If you are interested in ordering, please see any of our preschool families or see Mrs. Nametko or Mrs. Houser.

October will be a busy and exciting month for Preschool. We will be going on our annual trip to Yenser's Tree Farm to visit the pumpkin patch in the middle of the month. We will then end our month with our Halloween party and parade! This is a great end to an exciting month!

Thank you for your support and Happy Halloween!



GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTING PLASTIC

The Girl Scouts are collecting ***plastic items*** such as: grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, reclosable storage bags (i.e. Ziplock), cereal bags, case overwrap (i.e. for water), etc. There is a white box in the parlor for the collection. Please make sure the bags are clean and dry and free from food residue.

They thank you for your support!

HELPERS NEEDED!

The annual Pork and Sauerkraut Supper is the only fundraiser sponsored by the Sunday School. All our expenses for the year, i. e., Sunday School Materials, and Bible School program, supplies, special gifts and activities depend on weekly offerings and this fundraiser. We need everyone to lend a helping hand so we can continue to teach the "GOOD NEWS."

Saturday, November 8th

Table Setter-Uppers

AM Kitchen Help - peel potatoes, set tables, etc.

PM Kitchen Help - mash potatoes, cook hot dogs

Servers - serve food to people and refill as needed,
serve coffee.

Ticket Sellers

Host/Hostesses - to greet and escort diners
downstairs

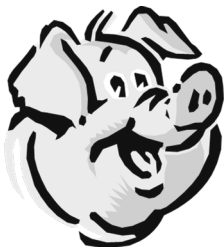
Water People - Ticket Collector

Bus People - Table Setters

Dish Washers - General Cleanup



**PLEASE SEE
Lori Hoppes
IF YOU CAN HELP
or call her at
570-386-2440
610-393-0901**



ST. PETER'S
PORK AND SAUERKRAUT
SUPPER, BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
3:00 ~ 7:00 PM
EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT

SPONSORED BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS (13+): \$15.00; CHILDREN (6-12): \$6.00
CHILDREN (5 & YOUNGER): FREE

We will also be holding a basket raffle. Anyone interested in donating a basket, please contact Susan Hunsicker at 570-778-9872.

THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED FOR THE SUPPER. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, SEE LORI HOPPE OR CALL HER AT 570-386-2440 OR 610-393-0901.

Sauerkraut - 12 #10 cans
Potatoes - 200 lbs.
Corn - 12 #10 cans
Applesauce - 8 #10 cans
Cottage Cheese - 15 lbs.
Apple Butter - 8 quarts
Bread - 10 loaves Italian
Butter - 5 lbs.
Milk - 5 gals.
Coffee - 3 lbs. Decaf
Bagged Ice - 5 bags

Monetary Donations: \$ _____

Bake Sale Donations: Yes _____ No _____

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FUNDRAISER FOR PEDIATRIC DIABETES

Gage Bishop, the son of Marsha and Joe Estep is working with the Lehigh Lioness and Lions Club to raise money for pediatric diabetes. He has been diabetic since 7 years old and wants to give back to the cause. He will be collecting recyclables (plastic drink bottles and aluminum cans), as well as selling daily number calendars for November (\$10.00 each) to give back to pediatric diabetes.

He has worked hard to be as healthy as possible and would like to contribute money back to the people who have helped him get there. We will be setting up an area by the shed for recyclables and the money raised from them and the calendars will be donated. Anyone with a large amount of cans, can call Marsha to arrange a pick up at 570-778-8082.

Thank you for your support!
Gage, Joe, and Marsha

Upcoming trips for 2026 with Adventures With Sue
FYI Sue Conner at 570-778-5367

MARCH 18-19	GETTYSBURG DBL \$529 Triple \$509 Quad \$489 Single \$579
APRIL 8-16	BRANSON DBL \$2595 TRIPLE \$2395 QUAD \$2295 SINGLE \$3195
APRIL 18	JOSHUA - SIGHT & SOUND ADULT \$165 CHILD \$105 (only 6 seats left)
MAY 18-23	MACKINAC ISLAND DBL \$2445 TRIPLE \$2245 QUAD \$2145 SINGLE \$3045
JUNE 26	TINA TURNER - HUNTERDON HILLS \$145/pp
JULY 8-10	HUDSON, NY – CATSKILLS DBL \$1295 TRIPLE \$1195 QUAD \$1145 SINGLE \$1445
AUGUST 15-24	SCOTLAND DBL \$6599 SINGLE \$7799
SEPT. 15-17	MYSTERY TRIP DBL \$949 TRIPLE \$899 QUAD \$849 SINGLE \$1149
OCTOBER 2	NEW HOPE & PEDDLER'S VILLAGE \$200/pp

**The deadline for the November issue of
the “Cornerstone” is Tuesday, October 14th.**

Daily Lectionary Readings for October 2025

Wednesday, October 01, 2025:Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 33:1-13; Matthew 19:16-22;
Thursday, October 02, 2025:Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:1-11; Revelation 2:8-11;
Friday, October 03, 2025:Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:12-30; Revelation 2:12-29;
Saturday, October 04, 2025:Lamentations 3:19-26; Lamentations 1:7-15;
Matthew 20:29-34;
Sunday, October 05, 2025: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
Monday, October 06, 2025:Psalm 137; Lamentations 1:16-22; James 1:2-11;
Tuesday, October 07, 2025:Psalm 137; Lamentations 2:13-22; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21;
Wednesday, October 08, 2025:Psalm 137; Lamentations 5:1-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24;
Thursday, October 09, 2025:Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 25:1-14; 2 Timothy 1:13-18;
Friday, October 10, 2025:Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 27:1-22; 2 Timothy 2:1-7;
Saturday, October 11, 2025:Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 28:1-17; Luke 5:12-16;
Sunday, October 12, 2025: Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
Monday, October 13, 2025:Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:8-23; Acts 26:24-29;
Tuesday, October 14, 2025:Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Ephesians 6:10-20;
Wednesday, October 15, 2025:Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 25:15-32; Matthew 10:5-15;
Thursday, October 16, 2025:Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:1-15; Acts 17:22-34;
Friday, October 17, 2025:Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:16-24; 2 Timothy 2:14-26;
Saturday, October 18, 2025:Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 31:15-26; Mark 10:46-52;
Sunday, October 19, 2025: Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
Monday, October 20, 2025:Psalm 129; Jeremiah 38:14-28; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11;
Tuesday, October 21, 2025:Psalm 129; Jeremiah 39:1-18; James 5:7-12;
Wednesday, October 22, 2025:Psalm 129; Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20; Luke 22:39-46;
Thursday, October 23, 2025:Psalm 65; Joel 1:1-20; 2 Timothy 3:1-9;
Friday, October 24, 2025:Psalm 65; Joel 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 3:10-15;
Saturday, October 25, 2025:Psalm 65; Joel 2:12-22; Luke 1:46-55;
Sunday, October 26, 2025: Proper 25 (30)
Monday, October 27, 2025:Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19;
Tuesday, October 28, 2025:Psalm 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1 Peter 5:1-11;
Wednesday, October 29, 2025:Psalm 87; Joel 3:17-20; Matthew 21:28-32;
Thursday, October 30, 2025:Psalm 119:137-144; Jeremiah 33:14-26;
2 Corinthians 1:1-11;
Friday, October 31, 2025:Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 1:5-17; 2 Peter 1:1-11



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

The word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105). It is a sure foundation that we can build our lives upon (2 Timothy 3:16). When we neglect the word of God, we are neglecting the very thing that has the power to change our lives.

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