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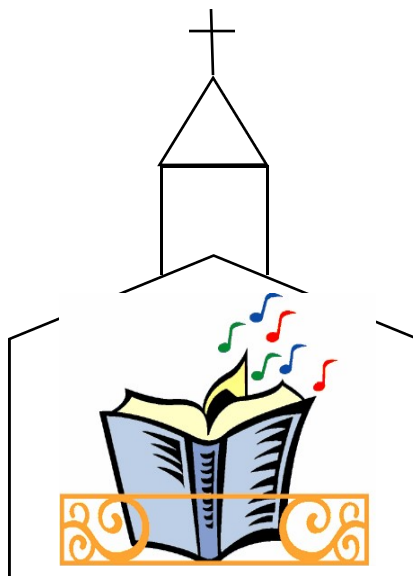
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St. Peter's Church West Penn



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

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. (Psalm 92: 1-2)

We have much for which to be thankful ! Our new electronic organ has been installed and Carol and Noreen have been playing it for worship since Sunday March 16th. When I first heard it, I was inspired by its range and its beautiful sound. I believe we have made the right decision.

Our deepest thanks and appreciation goes out to everyone who helped us pay for and install this beautiful new instrument. Together we made it happen. It just shows once again that with God's guidance, St. Peter's Church can do great things ! Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway. I am especially thankful for the professionalism of the Allen Organ Company who walked with us every step of the way to make sure we were pleased with the organ.

It was not an easy decision to make. While we loved our pipe organ, it was showing its age. It was expensive to repair. We were told that the initial cost for repairs would not fix everything that was wrong with it. It was then we had to decide if we could afford a new organ. With faith we moved ahead. The cost of the organ is almost completely covered.

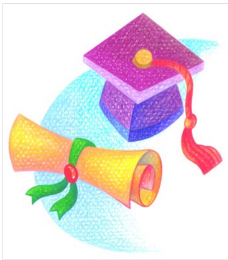
It is now time to celebrate !! We will be formally dedicating our organ on **Sunday, June 1st** at the 9:00 AM service. Jonathan from Allen Organ will be with us to play and demonstrate its incredible range and versatility. Although we have not begun to plan for this service, we do know that music will fill our sanctuary that day. We will be giving thanks to God not just for our organ but for all the ways that God has blessed us throughout the years. I encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join with us for this wonderful time of praise and thanksgiving. This service should not be missed. so reserve that date and join us worship.

Pastor Cliff

The 2025 Confirmation Class raised \$346.00 for the Multiplication of Talents last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who supported them!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On ***Sunday, June 8th*** during our morning worship, Gauge, Jacob and Laney Kershner will celebrate their Rite of Confirmation into our church family. Please plan on attending to welcome them. We will also have The Sacrament of Holy Communion for the congregation.



Graduating Senior Recognition

We are planning our annual tradition at St. Peter's by recognizing the achievements of our graduating seniors on *Sunday, June 8th*.

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 25th*. 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.



"Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day created by God".

~ W. Earl Hall

A Mother's Day Prayer

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if
at all possible,
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching
them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place
for them.*

*For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance,
with strength and patience and joy.
Give them ability to forgive again and again.
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You
will give her all she needs.*

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"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever." – Unknown



**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.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS NEEDED

*Sponsors are always welcome because it defrays our mailing costs.
Our postage has increased due to the Post Office raising prices.
You can be a sponsor for as little as \$75.00, or you can choose to sponsor the entire newsletter for \$150.00. Send your sponsorship or contact the office at 570-386-4388.*





ST PETER'S PRESCHOOL MEAT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Raffle will be held on May 21, 2025
following Preschool Graduation

\$10 per
ticket

Prize Packages:

MEAT PACK #1: VALUE \$350.00

2 PORTERHOUSE STEAKS
2 RIBEYE STEAKS
2 T-BONE STEAKS
2 TOP SIRLOIN STEAKS
2 LB BEEF CUBES
2.5 LB CHUCK ROAST
2.5 LB RUMP ROAST
5 LB GROUND CHUCK
6 LB PORK CHOPS
4 LB PORK COUNTRY STYLE RIBS
2.5 LB PORK BUTT ROAST
4 LB SMOKED PORK CHOPS
3 LB SMOKED BACON

MEAT PACK #2: VALUE \$200.00

3 LB BONELESS SKINLESS
CHICKEN BREAST
3 LB BONELESS SKINLESS THIGH
3 LB COUNTRY SAUSAGE
3 LB SWEET ITALIAN SAUSAGE
3 LB PORK CHOPS
3 LB BUTT STEAKS
3 LB GROUND CHUCK
2 LB CHUCK ROAST

MEAT PACK #3: VALUE \$100.00

16 HAMBURGER PATTIES
8 SWEET ONION PATTIES
1 PACK MCF HOTDOGS
1 PACK MCF CHEESE HOTDOGS
1 LB CLEARFIELD AMERICAN CHEESE
2 RACKS BABY BACK RIBS
1 RING OF PLAIN BOLOGNA

Questions: Contact Barbara Nametko
or Joanne Houser at
570-386-4388

ALL MEAT PACKS WILL BE VACUUM SEALED IN EITHER 1 STEAK/ROAST PER PACKAGE OR 1 LB PACKS EXCEPT FOR PORK CHOPS, COUNTRY STYLES WILL BE 2 PER PACK AND HAMBURGERS WILL BE 4 PER PACK. EACH MEAT PRIZE WILL BE BOXED AND FROZEN (CHEESE, RING BOLOGNA, BACON AND HOTDOGS WILL BE FRESH, NOT FROZEN). CHEESE WILL NOT BE VACUUM SEALED.

WINNERS HAVE 2 WEEKS TO PICK UP FROZEN PRIZES OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRIZES THAT HAVE NON-FROZEN ITEMS SHOULD BE PICKED UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Every Sunday

- ⇒ 5/11 ~ Mother's Day
- ⇒ 5/25 ~ Memorial Day Service at Zion Stone Church at 11:30 AM
- ⇒ 6/15 ~ Father's Day
- ⇒ 7/14 - 7/18 ~ Vacation Bible School from 6:00-8:00 PM

Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School class today. 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!*"



Retirees

Retirees will meet on **May 14th** in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. 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 Sharon know. She can be reached at (570) 386-3202 The Retirees are open to anyone, age is not a factor.

They meet the second Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members.

Life is a measure to be filled . . .

Not a cup to be drained.

**The deadline for the June issue of the "*Cornerstone*" is
Tuesday, May 13th
Deadline for articles/information is always the 2nd Tuesday of the month.**

ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

The current account balance is \$61,900



WASP NEWS

The Mother/Daughter/Aunt/Sister/Cousin Tea on **Tuesday, May 13th @ 6.30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a signup sheet on the parlor table for refreshments. All church women and young ladies are invited to join them.

WASP is having a Zook's Meat Fundraiser. Chicken or beef pies: Small 6" are \$7 each and Large 8" are \$10 each. They come frozen. Order by **Sunday, April 27th** with pick-up at the rear entrance **Saturday May 17th** between 11:00am and 1:00pm. For orders please call Karen Diehl 570-386-5472.

"Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone."
~Zechariah 10: 1



The Memorial Day service is at Zion Stone Church this year on **Sunday, May 25th** at 11:30 AM. Bring your lawn chairs!



Our sympathies go to the families and friends of
Paulette E. Rex
who passed into eternal life on
April 11, 2025

Please remember the families in your prayers.



Marvelous May

By Barbara Nametko



Preschool will be having an extremely exciting May! We will start our month with a trip to King Kone in Whitehall. We will have a blast int the Ice Cream Lab and eating ice cream.

May will be flying by as we review the alphabet, numbers, colors, and shapes. We also plan on spending some of our time outside playing games and exploring nature.

Preschool will be making a special Mother's Day craft and talking about how Mothers and Grandmothers are so incredibly special.

Our month will be ending with a moving up ceremony on May 20th at 10:00am, and graduation on May 21st at 10:00am for Preschool.

Preschool will be selling tickets to our annual raffle and dinner fundraisers this month. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Mrs. Nametko or Mrs. Houser.

We have had a fabulous, fun school year! Every preschooler has grown and matured so much. We wish our four-year old's good luck and to have lots of fun in kindergarten! We cannot wait to see our three years old's in the fall and look forward to seeing them grow next school year!

Preschool wishes everyone a happy, fun summer and hopes everyone makes a big splash this summer!



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 27th 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.

Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

Help our organization raise funds by cleaning out your closets, attics, garages, and basements. Please place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags.

Every bag counts. Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again. The more our collection weighs the more we raise. Thank you for your support! Dates for drop off will be published at a later time.

What We Accept: All Merchandise in Plastic or Paper Bags Bags that are of different colors that are directly packed and folded from the homes and not re-bagged once they have left the homes. Adult & Children Clothing, Shoes, Apparel, Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats, Rain Gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Sheets, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, Jerseys, Backpacks, New Diapers, and NOW ACCEPTING Household Items, Utensils, Hard & Soft Toys, Electronics, Small Bric-A-Brac Items which all must be bagged.

Please, **We Do Not Accept:** Thrift Store Goods, Flea Market, Yard Sales, Furniture, Books, Pillows & Curtains. Any merchandise that has holes, rips, stains, mold or has an odor. Any items once they have been re-bagged after they have left the home.

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;" Song of Solomon 2: 11-12

Say a Prayer for:

Recent

Loved Ones of
Paulette Rex
Loved Ones of
Lilian Gernertt

Ricky Everett

Ralph Fisher

Taylor Fogel

Judy Gerber

Merk Hunsicker

Ongoing

Aiden Kreimendahl

Amy Meixsall

Ann Mimm

Austin Klein

Barbara Kershner

Beth Pravozino

Betty Breiner

Billy James

Bob Goerner

Bonnie Miller

Brad Steigerwalt

Brian Abrachinsky

Bruce Miller

Bruce Wolf

Caroline Lantz

Carolyn Kunkel

Charlene Coombe

Clyde

Cody Wolfgang

Dan McMullen

Danadee Miller-Boyle

Darlene Kunkel

Darryl Moyer

David Schoch

Debbie Mooney

DeRue Kistler

Donald Coombe

Donald Moyer

Donna Roderick

Dorothy Faust

Dr. Harry Berger

Erin Coombe

Erla Biasi

Erlin Moyer

Franklin Mackes

Gino Lorady

Greg Simon

Gregory Slivka

Hollie Fox

Jackson Delebar

Jean Balliet Duncan

Jeff Steigerwalt

Jillian Datchko

JoAnn Pangonis

John Kowlewski

Josiah Roth

Justin Klotz

Kadie Foster

Kay Faust

Kenneth Breiner

Kim & Dave Carson

Larry Chesla

Laurie Black

Linda Garber

Logan Pribila

Loretta Beers

Lori Fairchild

Louise Billman

Lucas Milto

Maggie Wehr

Mark Wolfe

Marsha Rodgers

Mary Lou & Jim Walk

Mary Lou McGowan

Melinda Frey

Melissa Drake

Michelle Boyer

Mike & Bernice Delp

Mike Canty

Nadine

Pat Conner

Paul David

Rita Yarmell

Robbie Trainer

Sharon Horning

Sherry Seip

Sherry Walz

Sue Hower

Susie Brickler

Teresa Fowler

Terry Abrachinsky

Tim Kistler

Tim Phillips

Tony Masor

Wayne Lazarus

Wendy Kunkel

William Shirar

Zayden Mabey

Those on Our Visitation List:

Buddy Arner, Jr.

Hazel Arner

Edith Coombe

Robert Coombe

Olga Faust

Lynn Gerber

Barbara Kershner

Dorothy Miller

Larry Miller

Velma Schaeffer

Doris Wolfe

Althea Zehner

Our Missionaries:

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

Our Military Overseas:

*Deployed to USS Harry Truman: Austin Resch
Deployed to Japan: John McGuire*

Our Military ~ Active Not Deployed:

*Mark Habel
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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*

CHANGES IN OUR PRAYER LISTS

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. - Philippians 4:6

We have redone our prayer listing. All new prayer requests will be placed at the beginning and marked recent. After 2 months, if one still desires to remain on the prayer listing they will be moved to the ongoing list, which will now be printed in alphabetical order.

From now on, only those listed on the recent list will be published in the weekly bulletin. The full list will be printed in the newsletter and on the first Sunday of each month.

There is also a confidential listing for those who do not want their names or needs to be public. If you or someone you know desires prayer but asks for their personal privacy, please contact Christine Miller.

Finally, please keep us informed when someone has recovered from their illness so we can remove their name from our prayer listing.

To have anyone added to the prayer listing, please contact Pastor Cliff, Christine Miller, Heather Dunbar or the church office. Thank You for helping us keep our prayer list current.

Daily Lectionary Readings for May 2025

Thursday, May 01, 2025: Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Revelation 3:14-22;
Friday, May 02, 2025: Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11;
Saturday, May 03, 2025: Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14;
Sunday, May 04, 2025: Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Monday, May 05, 2025: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31;
Tuesday, May 06, 2025: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18;
Wednesday, May 07, 2025: Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11;
Thursday, May 08, 2025: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10;
Friday, May 09, 2025: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4;
Saturday, May 10, 2025: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32;
Sunday, May 11, 2025: Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
Monday, May 12, 2025: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4;
Tuesday, May 13, 2025: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35;
Wednesday, May 14, 2025: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:17-20; John 10:31-42;
Thursday, May 15, 2025: Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Revelation 10:1-11;
Friday, May 16, 2025: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15;
Saturday, May 17, 2025: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19;
Sunday, May 18, 2025: Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
Monday, May 19, 2025: Psalm 133; 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26;
Tuesday, May 20, 2025: Psalm 133; 2 Samuel 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30;
Wednesday, May 21, 2025: Psalm 133; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28;
Thursday, May 22, 2025: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41;
Friday, May 23, 2025: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8;
Saturday, May 24, 2025: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10;
Sunday, May 25, 2025: Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29
Monday, May 26, 2025: Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14;
Tuesday, May 27, 2025: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Revelation 21:15-22;
Wednesday, May 28, 2025: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38;
Thursday, May 29, 2025: Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
Friday, May 30, 2025: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9;
Saturday, May 31, 2025: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18;



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

No problem is too great to place in God's hands.

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