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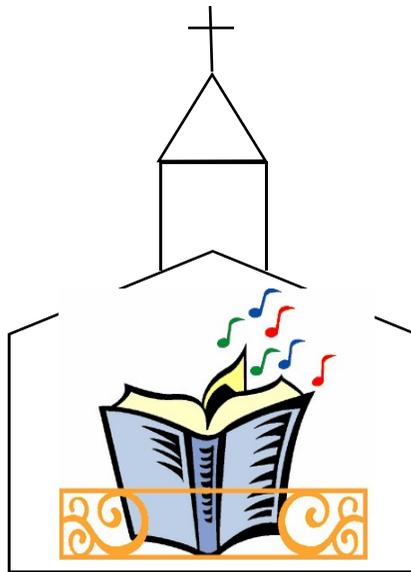
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St. Peter's Church West Penn



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."



April 13th through April 20th

Sunday, April 13th *Passion/Palm Sunday, 9:00 a.m.*

Morning worship service with the distribution of Palms.

“Come and celebrate Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem!”



Thursday, April 17th *Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.*

at St. Peter’s Church



An ecumenical Service of Holy Communion remembering Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples at St. Peter’s Church.

Friday, April 18th *Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.*

at Ben Salem UCC Church

An ecumenical Tenebrae service remembering Christ’s Crucifixion at Ben Salem Church.



Sunday, April 20th ~ *Easter Sunday*

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service and 9:00 a.m. Service

Celebration of Communion at both services.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ from death at St. Peter’s
(Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.)

Cliff's Notes

Romans 5: 8 : *But God showed his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.*

As I think about Holy Week, there is so much that happens in the life of Christ that it takes up almost 1/3 of the Gospel of Mark. Entire books have been written about just a portion of the events of that week. Yet so much of who we are and what we believe occurs in that brief 8 day period. Sadly for too many believers, we only take time to worship on Palm Sunday and Easter, forgetting the importance of the betrayal by Judas; the denials of Peter; the institution of the Lord's Supper; the overturning of the tables in the temple; and of course, the Crucifixion of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

In looking at that week, there is a powerful drama occurring. A drama which speaks of the willingness of Jesus to sacrifice himself for us, while even his most devoted followers hide and deny knowing him. By looking at the faithfulness of Jesus, which reflects God's unending love for his people while seeing humanity run away from Jesus or even worse yet ignore it as an everyday event in Jerusalem around 33 AD reflects so much of the challenges of living out our faith today. What is my response to this unjust death of an innocent man? How do I respond to a God that is willing to put everything on the line for me?

Yet I sense it when so many are more concerned about getting their Easter candy than they are in understanding this eternal message that was lived out as Christ died for our sins. Have we contemplated the challenge of discipleship that we are to sacrifice in giving of our time, abilities, and money to serve others as Jesus gave of himself for us? Have we ever thought of how our words and actions reflect upon who we are as followers of Jesus? Or do we simply decide to let someone else do it for we are too busy.

These are eternal questions that are at the heart of our very existence. Will we just skim along life's path? Or will we seek to find deeper meaning and purpose in who we are and in what we do? I believe those are the questions that face each one of us as we approach this Holy Week. May the Spirit of Our Resurrected Savior guide, inform, and inspire you during this holy season.

Pastor Cliff



Lenten Series
of
Shared Worship

The remaining Lenten Season Services for this year will be:

Wednesday, April 2

Ben Salem UCC

Pastor Russ Campbell, Preaching

Wednesday, April 9

Dinke Memorial Lutheran Church

Pastor Cliff Herring, Preaching

*Refreshments and fellowship to follow at each church after the mid-week Lenten services.
All offerings will be given to the Cold Weather Warming Station Ministry.*

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.



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

The Joyous Noise Designee for the Month of March totaled \$369.83 and will be used for the victims of the Western North Carolina Floods.

The Joyous Noise Designee for the Month of April to be determined.

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!

There's Always Spring in God's Love ~ by Deborah Ann Belka

*There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.*

*With winters bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.*



*As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He gives to us the assurance
grace in our hearts will grow.*

*He sends us the robin's song,
with the promise to provide
a shelter under His mighty wing
where in His love we can abide.*

*He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His mercies
to heal winter's ache and pain.*

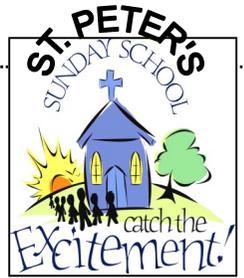
*God's given to all His Son,
to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of
Spring . . .
is keeping Jesus in our sight!*



Song of Solomon 2: 11-12

King James Version

“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;”



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

⇒ April 19th ~ Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 PM SHARP! Grab your baskets! The Annual St. Peter's Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 19th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. SHARP!** There will be egg hunt categories and prizes for all ages. Even the adults have an opportunity to join in on the excitement! Bring your camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny. Join us for an afternoon of fun!

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 **April 9th** 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.

"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

ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

The current account balance is \$61,900.

- The *Kitchen Krew* will be making filling for Easter again. Order by **Sunday, April 6th** with pickup **Thursday, April 17** from 11:00am-1:00pm at the South Entrance. Price is still \$8.00/qt. A signup sheet is on the table in the church parlor or call Karen Diehl 570-386-5472 to order.



FROM THE CHURCH BOARD



St Peter's is home to many activities, groups, clubs, events and services which makes elevator use a must. So far this year, we haven't received any funds to help with our elevator expenses ~ we know it is an important part to many people and events. Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope for elevator maintenance. We hope you would consider making a contribution, in addition to your regular offering, to help us defray the cost of our monthly maintenance fee which is **\$250.00 per month**.

You can mail your contribution or BETTER yet, bring the envelope with you when you worship with us on Sunday. Thank you!

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.*



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

W. A. S. P. News



The next meeting of the Women's Association of St. Peter's will be on **Tuesday, April 15th** at 7:00 PM. Judy Gerber will lead the ladies in worship. Karen Diehl and Nancy Knadler will provide refreshments.

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.

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.

Save the Date!!

St. Peter's Annual Sunday School
Easter Egg Hunt
will be held on **Saturday, April 19th, 2025**
1:00 PM SHARP!



When life isn't a bed of roses, remember who wore the thorns!

Faith makes things possible, not easy!

Lord, help us be the people our pets think we are.

Prevent *truth* decay, *brush* up on your Bible!

Store the Bible in your heart, not on a shelf.

God loves you whether you like it or not.

I'm also making aa list and checking it twice ~ God.



The deadline for the May issue of the "Cornerstone" is
Tuesday, April 8th

Deadline for articles/information is always the 2nd Tuesday of the month.



Hoppy Spring!

By Barbara Nametko



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Preschool is thrilled that spring is finally here! We cannot wait to explore all the excitement that spring has to offer! As the spring colors start to pop outside, we also will be learning about them inside our classroom. Bugs, baby animals and the budding trees will also be some exciting things we will be exploring.

Nature walks in the afternoon are one of our favorite times to go out and see some of the beauty that nature has to offer. Along with pastel colors we will be focusing on the number 9, ovals and the letters X, Y and Z.

Easter is another fun time for preschool this month! We will be having our annual Easter Egg hunt, along with guessing what's in the egg. Some of our spring crafts will include Easter bunnies, chicks and painting our own Easter eggs! Our favorite part of Easter is getting to sing, then enjoy some delicious donuts with our families at our bunny breakfast!

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

Preschool wishes everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter! Thank you always for your support!



Say a Prayer for:

*Loved Ones of
Donald Miller
North Carolina Flood
Communities
California Fire
Communities & Victims
Shelly Babinchak
LaRue Fink
Taylor Fogel
Paulette Rex
Judy Gerber
Danadee Miller-Boyle
Sue Hower
Jim Connely
Maggie Wehr
Nancy Knadler
Barbara Kershner
DeRue Kistler
Clyde
Carolyn Kunkel
Loretta Beers
Beverley Knoebel
Larry Chesla
Beth Pravozino
Dorothy Faust
Donald Coombe
Charlene Coombe
Greg Simon
Tim Phillips
Tim Kistler
Jeff Steigerwalt
Doris Wolfe
Linda Garber
Wendy Kunkel
Lucas Milto
Wayne Lazarus
Josiah Roth
Debbie Mooney
Terry Abrachinsky*

*Nadine
Kay Faust
Mary Lou & Jim Walk
Jean Balliet Duncan
Kadie Foster
Marsha Rodgers
Michelle Boyer
Cody Wolfgang
Brian Abrachinsky
JoAnn Pangonis
Pat Conner
Susie Brickler
Caroline Lantz
Brad Steigerwalt
Hollie Fox
Ann Mimn
Robbie Trainer
Donald Moyer
Bruce Miller
Sharon Horning
Mike Canty
Bonnie Miller
Kenneth Breiner
Paul David
Rita Yarmell
Dr. Harry Berger
Erlin Moyer
Teresa Fowler
Gregory Slivka
Mary Lou McGowan
Mark Wolfe
Bob Goerner
Dan McMullen
David Schoch
Erin Coombe
Billy James
Laurie Black
Darryl Moyer
Betty Breiner
Sherry Seip*

*Melinda Frey
Logan Pribila
Bruce Wolf
Lori Fairchild
Franklin Mackes
Zayden Mabey
John Kowlewski
Aiden Kreimendahl
Mike & Bernice Delp
Gino Lorady
Kim & Dave Carson
Louise Billman
Tony Masor
Sherry Walz
Darlene Kunkel
Erla Biasi
Jillian Datchko
Donna Roderick
Justin Klotz
William Shirar
Amy Meixsall
Jackson Delebar
Austin Klein
Melissa Drake*

**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
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*

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

THE LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD

There is a legend, that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it:

"Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross...Two long and two short petals and in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

~Anonymous

Daily Lectionary Readings for April 2025

Tuesday, April 01, 2025: Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10;
Wednesday, April 02, 2025: Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17;
Thursday, April 03, 2025: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24;
Friday, April 04, 2025: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25-3:1;
Saturday, April 05, 2025: Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57;
Sunday, April 06, 2025: Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
Monday, April 07, 2025: Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25;
Tuesday, April 08, 2025: Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28;
Wednesday, April 09, 2025: Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34;
Thursday, April 10, 2025: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9;
Friday, April 11, 2025: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18;
Saturday, April 12, 2025: Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13;
Sunday, April 13, 2025: Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
Monday, April 14, 2025: Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 15, 2025: Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
Wednesday, April 16, 2025: Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
Thursday, April 17, 2025: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday, April 18, 2025: Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 ; John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 19, 2025: Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66
Sunday, April 20, 2025: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18
Monday, April 21, 2025: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27;
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8;
Tuesday, April 22, 2025: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a; Revelation 12:1-12;
Wednesday, April 23, 2025: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12;
Thursday, April 24, 2025: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16;
Friday, April 25, 2025: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26;
Saturday, April 26, 2025: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40;
Sunday, April 27, 2025: Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31
Monday, April 28, 2025: Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20;
Tuesday, April 29, 2025: Psalm 122; Esther 8:1-17; Revelation 2:8-11;
Wednesday, April 30, 2025: Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23; Luke 12:4-12



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

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