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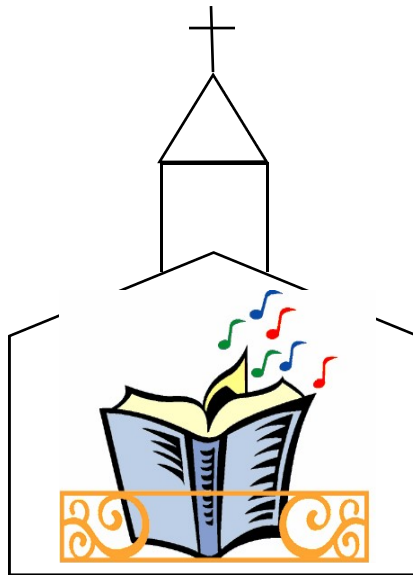
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where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

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

Psalm 46: 10: *“Be still and know that I am God!”*

A friend called today asking if I was available to get together for lunch. “Of course”, I replied, until I looked at my calendar. I was surprised as to how busy my life gets and amusement parks are not even open yet ! It is not just ministry that keeps me busy, but also pleasurable times, such as events at Chestnut Ridge, meeting with friends, etc. My guess is that many of you would echo how crazy life gets, and how there are not just enough hours in the day.

The Lenten season begins on March 5th with Ash Wednesday. For many a Lenten discipline is to give up something, often food or a bad habit. For some it is trying again to follow through on a New Year’s Resolution that we failed to keep past January 4.

This year my Lenten discipline is centered in Psalm 46:10, *“Be still and know that I am God.”* My challenge will be to take time to sit still for a few minutes --- to be still – to sense God’s Presence with me. Along with that I am going to set aside time for reading and study, more than is necessary for writing a sermon. This is time to be mindful of God’s Presence and to listen to the urgings of His Spirit. This may be easier said than done.

How often have I visited someone when they have the radio or television playing. They only half listen because they really do not want to miss their program. I often ask if they could turn off the noise until after I leave. For the truth is, I get distracted as well. When that happens all hope for honest communication is lost. The same is true for the Voice of God. Unless one is still and intent on listening, it is hard to hear that Divine voice giving us a bit of guidance or inspiration or hope or whatever.

I encourage you to join me as we make some time during the day to be quiet so one can sense God’s Presence in our midst. Be still. Let God speak to you and allow yourself to hear that message! You may end up reflecting on a prayer concern, or a Scriptural passage, or on a sermon. You may gain a deeper insight into a nagging problem. The starting point is to **BE STILL!**

In addition to attending worship on both Sunday mornings and our mid-week Lenten services, this daily exercise may help break some of the stress and anxiety of the day as well as renewing and refreshing your Spirit. It’s rather simple really... just relax. Be Still. Know the Ever-Present God who surrounds you.

Pastor Cliff



Lenten Series
of
Shared Worship

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. Even though Lent does not begin until March 5 this year, you may want to plan ahead to attend as many of these community mid-week services as possible. Preaching Themes will be Jesus' I AM statements. The schedule is as follows:

Ash Wednesday, March 5 Communion and Imposition of Ashes
7:00 PM at Dinkey Memorial Church
Pastor Randy Lentz, Preaching

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

Wednesday, March 12

St. John's Lutheran Church, 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton
Pastor Cliff Herring, Preaching

Wednesday, March 19

St. Peter's Church, 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252
Pastor Tony Pagotto, Preaching

Wednesday, March 26

Zion Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960
Pastor Randy Lentz, Preaching

Wednesday, April 2

Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton, PA 18235
Pastor Russ Campbell, Preaching

Wednesday, April 9

Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighton
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*

Maundy Thursday, April 17 ~ Sacrament of Holy Communion

St. Peter's Church, 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252
Pastor Tony Pagotto, Preaching

Good Friday, April 18

Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton, PA 18235
Pastor Cliff Herring, Preaching

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

IN HONOR OF _____

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IN MEMORY OF _____

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_____ Lilies	\$ 10.00	_____
_____ Daffodils	\$ 8.00	_____
_____ Tulips	\$ 8.00	_____
_____ Hydrangeas	\$ 17.50	_____
_____ Mums	\$ 9.50	_____

Order Deadline - Sunday, **March 30th**

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

ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

The current account balance is \$61,900

- The Building Fund transferred 5% of the 2024 fund raising profits to the St. Peter's Discretionary Fund. The amount was \$2,001.13.
- We appreciate the generosity of the members who direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars throughout the year to the Building Fund account. The 2024 total dollars received was \$1,193.
- 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.



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

The Joyous noise recipient for February was designated for the UCC's California Wildfires 2025 Appeal. The 2-week collection total \$885.05. Your gifts will support the community's immediate needs and long-term recovery efforts as they work with local communities to ensure an equitable approach to their long-term recovery.

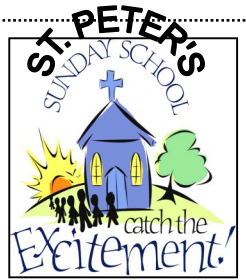
The Joyous Noise Designee for the Month of March will be for the victims of the Western North Carolina Floods.

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

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

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

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!"



DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!

Daylight Savings Time begins on *March 9th* at 2:00 AM.
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



The first day of Spring is March 19th.



Retirees

Retirees will meet on *March 12th* 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.

PLEASE NOTE: A committee is being formed to review the church's By-Laws, and we could use 1 or 2 more people to help. Please let Pastor Cliff know of your interest.

Also needed: volunteers to serve on the Safety Committee. The committee will be undergoing a reorganization. Please let Pastor Cliff or Denise Moyer of your willingness to serve.



FROM THE CHURCH BOARD

It's been cold, cold cold!.....

It's still "*Heating season*" and costs have increased.

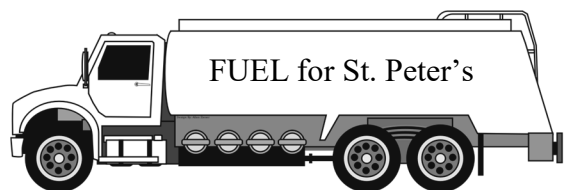
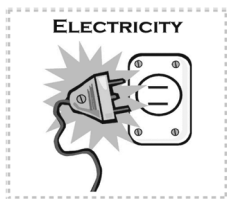
And we utilize electricity all year long. Would you please consider making a contribution, in addition to your regular offering, to help us defray the cost of heating fuel and electricity.

Elevator maintenance envelopes are available on the table in the church parlor. We hope you can also give this some consideration.

Please use the enclosed envelope to help defray the cost of our energy bill, or BETTER yet, bring the envelope with you when you worship with us on Sunday.

Thank you for your contribution and we'll see you in church!

St Peter's Church Board



TIME TO REMOVE FLOWERS

THE CEMETERY BOARD REQUESTS THAT ALL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS (AND OLDER) BE REMOVED FROM THE CEMETERY BY **MARCH 31ST** TO GET READY FOR OUR SPRING CLEANUP.

In case of inclement weather, please listen to WMGH/WLSH Radio Station, watch TV Channel 13 or the Channel 69 website (www.wfmz.com) for any change in the time or cancellation of St. Peter's Church worship schedule.

W. A. S. P. News



The next meeting of the Women's Association of St. Peter's will be on **Tuesday, March 18th** (subject to change) at 7:00 PM. Taylor Fogel will lead the ladies in worship. Taylor and Ann Fogel 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.

ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING

During the month of March, we will be receiving our offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing. These gifts help aid families and communities throughout the world. An informational sheet will be included in a future bulletin and envelopes have been placed on the table in the church parlor and at both entrances to the sanctuary. Or, you can mail your donation to the church or contribute through Tithe.ly Found on our website.



Do you spend your time with God's book, or on your Facebook?

Lord, help us to be the people that our dogs think we are!

I am also making a list and checking it twice. – God

Practice thanking God for more than elastic waistbands.

Our church is like fudge: sweet with a few nuts.

Forecast for tomorrow: God reigns and the Son shines.



The deadline for the April issue of the "Cornerstone" is
Tuesday, March 11th
Deadline for articles/information is always the **2nd Tuesday** of the month.



Marvelous March

By Barbara Nametko



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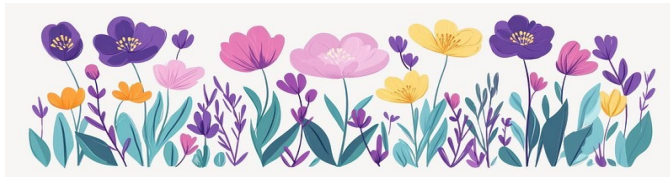
March is here and preschool is ready for spring and hopefully some warmer weather. We can't wait for all the new adventures that spring has to offer.

The letters, S, T,U and V will be our focus this month, along with the colors, red, yellow and green, along with diamonds and the number eight.

Watch for lots of green around our room this month as we try and catch that tricky Leprechaun. Preschool is very excited to see if he messes up our classroom again! Stop by and check out some of our awesome crafts! You may even see some pots of gold!

Preschool will be fundraising with Gertrude Hawk candy until March 11th. This is a delicious way to fill that Easter basket! See any of our preschool families, Mrs. Houser, or myself to order.

Thank you always for your continued support and Happy Spring!



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.*



Say a Prayer for:

Loved Ones of
Marie Weinhold
Loved Ones of
Angela Hamm
Loved Ones of
Sarah Nothstein Thompson
Loved Ones of
Leon Steigerwalt, Sr.
Loved Ones of
Ronald 'Pinky' Yeakel
Families of the
Plane Crash Victims
California Fire
Communities & Victims
Nancy Knadler
Barbara Kershner
DeRue Kistler
Clyde
Carolyn Kunkel
Loretta Beers
Paulette Rex
Danny Oswald
Beverley Knoebel
Larry Chesla
Beth Pravoizino
Dorothy Faust
Donald Coombe
Charlene Coombe
Greg Simon
Tim Phillips
Tim Kistler
Jeff Steigerwalt
Frank Riotto
Doris Wolfe
Linda Garber
Judy Gerber
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
Lo Ann Algard
Caroline Lantz
Brad Steigerwalt
Rose Hinkle
Theresa Derher
Hollie Fox
Ann Mimm
Robbie Trainer
Donald Moyer
Bruce Miller
Sharon Horning
Mike Canty
Bonnie Miller
Kenneth Breiner
Paul David
Rita Yarmell
Dr. Harry Berger
Erin Moyer
Teresa Fowler
Gregory Slivka
Mary Lou McGowan
Mark Wolfe
Patrick Pulanco
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.**



Lenten Offering Envelopes

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.

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands but yours,
No feet but yours.*

Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world.

Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good.

Yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now.

~Teresa of Avila

Daily Lectionary Readings for March 2025

Saturday, March 01, 2025: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:15-24; Luke 10:21-24;

Sunday, March 02, 2025: Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43

Monday, March 03, 2025: Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a;

Tuesday, March 04, 2025: Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1; Acts 10:23b-33;

Wednesday, March 05, 2025: Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday, March 06, 2025: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34;

Friday, March 07, 2025: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42;

Saturday, March 08, 2025: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36;

Sunday, March 09, 2025: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Monday, March 10, 2025: Psalm 17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6;

Tuesday, March 11, 2025: Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:4-21;

Wednesday, March 12, 2025: Psalm 17; Job 1:1-22; Luke 21:34-22:6;

Thursday, March 13, 2025: Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12;

Friday, March 14, 2025: Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20;

Saturday, March 15, 2025: Psalm 27; Psalm 118:26-29; Matthew 23:37-39;

Sunday, March 16, 2025: Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Monday, March 17, 2025: Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12;

Tuesday, March 18, 2025: Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24;

1 Corinthians 10:1-13;

Wednesday, March 19, 2025: Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22;

Luke 13:22-31;

Thursday, March 20, 2025: Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11;

Friday, March 21, 2025: Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6;

Saturday, March 22, 2025: Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45;

Sunday, March 23, 2025: Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Monday, March 24, 2025: Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11;

Tuesday, March 25, 2025: Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16;

Wednesday, March 26, 2025: Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21;

Thursday, March 27, 2025: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5;

Friday, March 28, 2025: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15;

Saturday, March 29, 2025: Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10;

Sunday, March 30, 2025: Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Monday, March 31, 2025: Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8;



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

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