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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

Finally , beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

(Philippians 4:8)

Being thankful is more than just something we do near the end of November. Being thankful is the task of a Christian everyday. We have so much to be grateful for but do we think about those things? Are you upset with a member of your family or a friend who was not there to help you when you asked? Have you ever stopped to be appreciative of the times they have helped you?

As I reflect upon my life, I have been very blessed by God, by congregations I have served, by family and friends. Were there times I was disappointed by them? You bet. But were there times when I was supported and helped by them? Of course. What do we emphasize -- our complaints -- or -- our praise.

In this month of thanksgiving, we are reminded that we might not have everything we want, but most have us have much more than we need. Let us be grateful for all that we have.

Our culture too often emphasizes that our lives are not complete without their product. This emphasis focuses on what we have to buy next, rather than look at what we have now.

Read those words from Philippians, where we are to focus on the best things in life: not our complaints, but that which is true, honorable, just, pure, and worthy of praise. Our lives would have less anxiety. We would be more content with what we already have.

I am thankful for so much that I have and for the many opportunities that I have been given. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Pastor, even though it becomes exhausting at times. God has blessed me. Has God blessed you with rich friendships and a loving congregation? Then give thanks--- not just on November 28 --- but everyday !

Pastor Cliff

PASTOR CLIFF TO BE AWAY

Pastor Cliff will be making his annual trip to Florida to attend IAAPA (International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions) Expo in Orlando as well as to go to several amusement parks from November 12 arriving home sometime late on November 25. Pastor Glenn Rarick will be supplying for him during that time and you should not miss his services. If you need a Pastor during that time please call the church office.



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 3rd, 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 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" as we honor those who have passed into eternal rest and peace with God. Please make it a priority to worship with us for this special Christian observance.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

A combined Thanksgiving Eve Service with our sister churches will be held on Sunday, November 24th at 7:00 PM at Dinkey Memorial Church.



St. Peter's Pork & Sauerkraut Supper & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 9th, 3:00-7:00 pm. We are looking for supplies for the dinner (can be found in the newsletter) and desserts for the dinner and bake sale (bake sale items should be individually wrapped). To donate any items to the supper, please call/text Lori Hoppes at 610-393-0901.

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



New Address???

If are moving or have moved ~ please provide us with the new address in order to keep St. Peter's Church records up-to-date.

Every newsletter returned results in an additional cost to the church. Thank you!



Joyous Noise

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

The recipient of Joyous Noise for October has been designated as Colson Tkach and totaled \$ 414.38. Colson is a 3 year-old little boy from Leighton who is courageously fighting recurring ependymoma cancer. Colson is once again undergoing treatment which means he is unable to attend preschool and he often needs to travel to CHOP or Lehigh Valley for appointments. The joyous noise collection will be used to help the family with any financial burden they may encounter. Any checks can be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School.

If you have any recommendations for Joyous Noise Recipients, please contact Samantha Kistler or Nicole Hunsicker. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School and may be mailed to the church office.



Chalk Art Class

When: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Where: St. Peter's Church Social Hall

Price: \$50 (includes all supplies)

Time: The class will start at 10:00 am and end at 12:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

Reserve a seat! Deadline is November 3rd.

Payment can be made to St. Peter's Church and given to Laurie or Blaine Seip or mailed to the church.

**The deadline for the December/January issue of the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, November 12th.
This is a Double Issue.**

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
(Jeremiah 29:12)*

W. A. S. P. News

On ***Sunday, November 17th*** the women will present their Thank Offering Service during our morning worship service.

The White Gifts for Bethany Children's Home (UCC) and Diakon Social Ministries (Lutheran) will be received on ***Sunday, November 17th*** and ***Sunday, November 24th***. Two baskets will be set up in front of the sanctuary containing plain envelopes for your gifts.

The next meeting of the Women's Association of St. Peter's is scheduled on ***Tuesday, November 19th*** at 7:00 PM. Cathy Wehr and Brittany Wehr are in charge of refreshments.

They will be taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias. A form can be found in this edition of the newsletter and can also be picked up on the table in the church parlor. The deadline for ordering is ***December 1st*** and the cost is \$10.00 each. Forms can be given to Lori Hoppes or mailed to the church.

The WASP Christmas party will be held on ***Sunday, December 8th***, fellowship hall, 12 noon. More information to follow.

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.

Gift Card Fundraiser

The gift cards are purchased at face value and the church will receive a specified percentage of the sales. ***Orders are due by Sunday, November 3rd.*** and gift cards will be available for pickup before Christmas just in time for the Holiday season! Order forms will be located in the church parlor. Completed forms and money can be given to Kim Kistler or Laurie Seip.

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." Ronald Reagan

"It doesn't matter where you were planted or which way you grow, all that matters is that you bloom." Sabina Laura

Say a Prayer for:

Loved Ones of

Arthur Schaeffer

Loved Ones of

Laura Gould

Loved Ones of

Ryan Orvac

Kay Miller

Bonnie Myers

Dave & Gayle Zanders

Lorraine Fritz

Karen Diehl

Michael & Shelly

Babinchak

Kay Faust

Arthur Schaffer

Mary Lou & Jim Walk

Jean Balliet Duncan

Kadie Foster

Marsha Rodgers

Michelle Boyer

David Barron

Cody Wolfgang

Brian Abrachinsky

JoAnn Pangonis

Kathy Yuricheck

Carol Bennecoff

Pat Conner

Elaine Koons

Susie Brickler

Lo Ann Algard

Callie Heffelfinger

Caroline Lantz

Richard Knadler

Kent Miller

Brad Steigerwalt

Rose Hinkle

Theresa Derher

Hollie Fox

Ann Mimm

Robbie Trainer

Nadine

Sonia Finnegan

Donald Moyer

Charlotte Miller

Bruce Miller

Sharon Horning

Paulette Rex

Mike Canty

Anne Scott

Bonnie Miller

Kenneth Breiner

Paul David

Dan Myers

Rita Yarmell

Dr. Harry Berger

Cassie Wolfe

Evor "Butch" Williams

Erlin Moyer

Teresa Fowler

Gregory Slivka

Mary Lou McGowan

Rev. James Seifert

Mark Wolfe

Connie Heckman

Patrick Pulanco

Bob Goerner

Chester Jones

Dan McMullen

Loretta Beers

David Schoch

Erin Coombe

Karen Lenhart

Billy James

Laurie Black

Darryl Moyer

Betty Breiner

Sherry Seip

Nancy Domanski

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

Carolyn Kunkle

Jillian Datchko

Donna Roderick

Jaden Leiby

Justin Klotz

Gene McCormik

William Shirar

Amy Meixsall

Jackson Delebar

Austin Klein

Melissa Drake

Lorna Hart

Carson Barron

Nancy Barkus

**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 Japan: John McGuire
Deployed to Africa: Jonathan & Michelle Liggitt
Deployed to Israel: Tyler Resch

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
Austin Resch

Trevor Schilling
Alexis Scott
Andy Snyder
Ryan Snyder
Alexander Thomas
Chad Wehr
Mark West
Scott West
Michael Zeigenfuss

Free Thanksgiving Meal

Five churches, Zion Stone West Penn, St Peter's West Penn, St John's Mahoning, Dinkey Memorial, Ashfield, and Ben Salem UCC Andreas are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on **Saturday, November 23rd 2024**. This will be a drive-thru pickup at Ben Salem UCC 1965 Church Hill Rd. Lehigh, PA. 18235 from 2:00 to 5:00pm that day.

You must pre-register to receive your free meal by calling Nancy Meiser at 570-205-9267, Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4 pm.

There are a limited number of meals available. Deadline to register is **Sunday, November 10th, 2024**.

CONTRIBUTIONS REQUESTED FOR THE ORGAN FUND

To help raise the rest of the funds, the Church will be "selling" organ keys and stops, which you can buy in honor or in memory of loved ones. Members and friends may also contribute simply by placing their gift in a plain envelope marked for the organ fund with your name and envelope number written on the envelope.

Giving Thanks!

By Barbara Nametko



Preschool is very excited that November and Turkey season are here! Preschool has lots of things to be thankful for! We are thankful for our families, and new friends. We are also very thankful for the wonderful church for giving us such a special place to learn and have fun.

This month we will be focusing on the letters H, I and J. The number 4 and the colors brown and purple. We will also be talking about our families and being thankful. If you are passing thru you may see some little turkeys roaming around, singing some silly turkey songs! If you happen to hear our favorite Albuquerque Turkey song, you may find yourself humming the catchy tune! Preschool will be holding our annual Thanksgiving breakfast on November 26th and 27th. We invite all preschool families to join us to hear their little turkeys sing some Thanksgiving songs, then enjoy some delicious bagels and donuts.

Stop by our room and check out some of the turkeys we created! We love to make turkeys with our hands and make name turkeys! We even put turkeys onto a special shirt!

Thank you to the church for supporting Preschool! We are truly blessed to have such wonderful support.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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**St. Peter's Church
Poinsettia Orders**

Sponsored by the
Women's Association of St. Peter's

Deadline - December 1st

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Cost per Plant - \$10.00

**Money Must Accompany The Order
Orders may be given to:
Lori Hoppes (386-2440)**



Retirees

Retirees will meet on **November 13th** in Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and games. Please contact Kay Miller if you are interested in participating so she can plan for the meals. If you would like to assist in any way, please let Kay know. She can be reached at 570-778-0501. 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.

Announcement:

We are looking for someone to run the Retirees. Kay Miller will be stepping down as of the new year, 2025. Please feel free to direct any questions to Kay. Thank you!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th. We are planning a **bake sale** and are looking for baked goods donations.

Please individually wrap any donations.

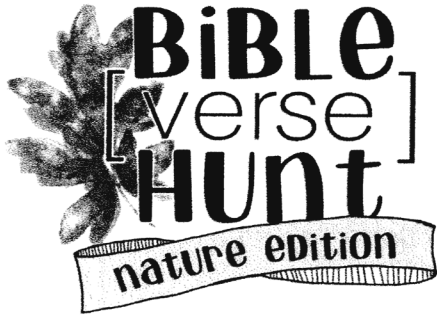
They can be dropped off here at the church on Sunday, November 3rd, Monday evening from 6-7 pm or contact Norene Rosso at 570-818-7046. Thank you!

Kitchen Krew Happenings

Order your apple dumplings by **Sunday, November 3rd** with pick up on **November 21st** between 12:00 and 5:00 PM.

Order your Thanksgiving filling by **Sunday, November 10th** for pickup at the south entrance (drive-thru) on **Tuesday, November 26th** between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Please note: you can order by contacting Charlene Miller at 570-386-4267. Order forms are also located on the table in the church parlor.



God made everything in our world, and the Bible is filled with descriptions of God's good creation.

Look up and read each Bible verse. Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then go outside and try to find each of those items in nature.

He makes _____ grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth.

PSALM 104:14

The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a _____ and threw it there, and made the iron float.

2 KINGS 6:6

... to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a _____ in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7

Produce _____ in keeping with repentance.

LUKE 3:8

"There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no _____ like our God."

1 SAMUEL 2:2

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the _____ of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."

MATTHEW 6:28-29

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on _____.

MATTHEW 7:26

If we have sown spiritual _____ among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?

1 CORINTHIANS 9:11

"As the _____ are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age."

MATTHEW 13:40

"I am the true _____, and my Father is the gardener."

JOHN 15:1

Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green _____.

PROVERBS 11:28

Nebuchadnezzar ... was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the _____ of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

DANIEL 4:33

Daily Lectionary Readings for November 2024

Friday, November 01, 2024: Psalm 146; Ruth 2:1-9 ; Romans 3:21-31;
Saturday, November 02, 2024: Psalm 146; Ruth 2:10-14; Luke 10:25-37;
Sunday, November 03, 2024: Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
Monday, November 04, 2024: Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 2:15-23; Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10;
Tuesday, November 05, 2024: Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:1-7; Acts 7:17-29;
Wednesday, November 06, 2024: Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:8-18; John 13:31-35;
Thursday, November 07, 2024: Psalm 127; Ruth 4:1-10; Romans 5:6-11;
Friday, November 08, 2024: Psalm 127; Ruth 4:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24;
Sunday, November 10, 2024: Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
Monday, November 11, 2024: Psalm 113; Genesis 24:1-10; 1 Timothy 5:1-8;
Tuesday, November 12, 2024: Psalm 113; Genesis 24:11-27; 1 Timothy 5:9-16;
Wednesday, November 13, 2024: Psalm 113; Genesis 24:28-42; Luke 4:16-30
Thursday, November 14, 2024: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 1:21-28; 1 Timothy 6:11-21;
Friday, November 15, 2024: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 2:18-21; Colossians 2:6-15;
Saturday, November 16, 2024: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:1-18; Mark 12:1-12;
Sunday, November 17, 2024: Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
Monday, November 18, 2024: Psalm 3; 1 Samuel 3:19-4:2; Hebrews 10:26-31;
Tuesday, November 19, 2024: Psalm 3; Deuteronomy 26:5-10; Hebrews 10:32-39;
Wednesday, November 20, 2024: Psalm 3; 1 Kings 8:22-30; Mark 13:9-23;
Thursday, November 21, 2024: Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:1-10; Acts 7:54-8:1a;
Friday, November 22, 2024: Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:11-20; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28;
Saturday, November 23, 2024: Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 23:1-14; John 3:31-36;
Sunday, November 24, 2024: Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
Monday, November 25, 2024: Psalm 63; 2 Kings 23:15-25; Revelation 11:1-14;
Tuesday, November 26, 2024: Psalm 63; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Revelation 11:15-19;
Wednesday, November 27, 2024: Psalm 63; 2 Samuel 2:1-7; John 16:25-33;
Thursday, November 28, 2024: Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33
Thursday, November 28, 2024: Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;
Friday, November 29, 2024: Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22;
Saturday, November 30, 2024: Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24;

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.



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

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