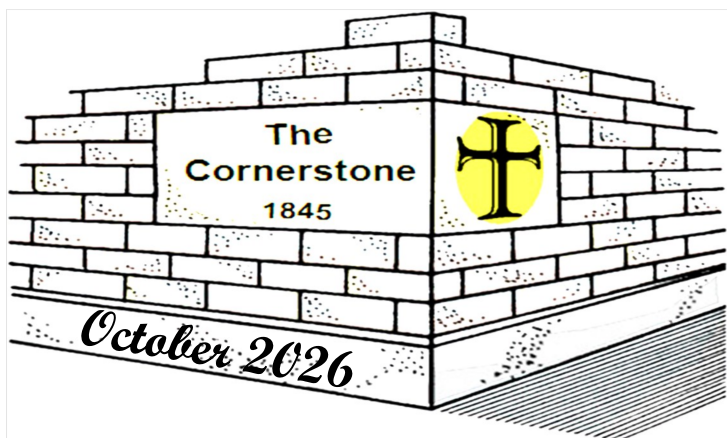




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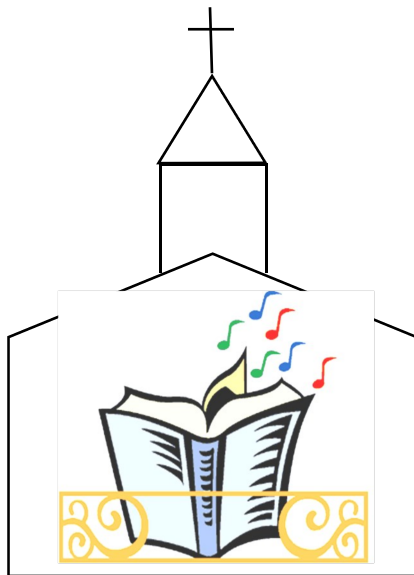
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St. Peter's Church

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."



The Harvest is Ripe!

As the warmth of September begins to fade into the chill of an October morning, it is official: Fall is here! For many reading this, a tear may begin to fall from your eye as you begin to long for the warmth of those long summer days. But as for me, welcome to my favorite season! Fall is such a beautiful solstice as the leaves begin to slowly change, beauty fills our morning drives, and fall activities such as pumpkin patches or corn mazes fill our weekends. In the middle of this beauty, this question comes to my mind: where does our change begin? This is the time of the final growth in the fields, harvest is right around the corner, everything is coming to a point of culmination . . . **so what about us?**

Let this season be a challenge unto each and everyone of us. As we see the change around us, see the change that Jesus is bringing to us. That He is beginning in us. As Paul writes in Galatians 6:9 “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” The change within us is the change of doing good in the name of Jesus. As God gives us the opportunities to do good, we should do so unto all we possibly can. Not just to the ones that look or think like we do, but us all! The seed we have sown in the lives around us come near to the harvest. Let us be ready for the Kingdom of God to go and begin to gather,

This is also a season that may begin to be a challenge for those that have lost someone in the past year. As the days shorten and darkness feels like it is closing in, many begin to struggle with grief. However, God’s word speaks directly to those who experience grief, pain, and tears. Psalm 126:5 “Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.” God promises to bring meaning to all things in life. We must trust in Him, knowing His presence is alongside us every moment of every day. He WILL comfort us. He WILL sustain us. He WILL bring joy to our lives as we trust in the Lord.

Finally, our call in this time is also to honor God with all that we have. To do so “with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” God does not desire for us to just add Him to something. He is not an accessory in which we attach to life to attempt to make is Holy. God is to be the main attraction, the center of the show, the one by which we base and build all things forth. My hope and prayer for this month as we gather and worship together is that our faith may grow. As we enter into our new series “Faith Under Fire,” we are asking the hard questions: What is truth? How can I trust the Bible? Who really is Jesus? What is Christianity really about? So join with us as we not only ask the question, but know the answer with certainty that we may bring hope to others as well.

Pastor Josh



Hope in the Middle

In the middle of busy days, real struggles, and everything in between, God is still at work. No matter what your week has held, there's still space for hope.

Join Pastor Josh each week for a short, encouraging Facebook Live centered on real life, real faith, and lasting hope. **Thursdays @ 11:00 AM:** Live on Facebook



Retirees

Retirees will meet on **October 14th 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 20th** 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.

FUNDRAISER FOR PEDIATRIC DIABETES

Gage Estep is collecting recyclables (plastic drink bottles and aluminum cans). **No milk jugs or 1/2 gallon containers please.** Anyone with a large amount of cans, can call Marsha Estep to arrange a pick up at 570-778-8082

PLEASE NOTE: The church is no longer accepting glass products for the kids dime toss game, thank you for all your past donations.



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

The Joyous Noise Offering for September totaled \$ 708.32 and was designated for Melisa Snyder, who has been diagnosed with incurable small cell lung carcinoma. Melisa has a difficult battle ahead, and every act of kindness and support can make a meaningful difference for her and her loved ones during this journey. This month's collection will be given directly to Melisa to help with medical and everyday expenses and ease some of the financial burden her family may face in the months ahead. Melisa's village is also coming together to support her with a 21+ benefit on September 26 from 2:00–10:00 p.m. at the Tamaqua Elks. Anyone who would like to further support Melisa is encouraged to attend. Please keep Melisa and her loved ones in your thoughts and prayers, and surround them with the love and support of our community in the months ahead.

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

A Heartfelt Thank You!



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our church Fall Fest such a wonderful two days!

From those who helped plan and prepare, set up and clean up, brought food, beverages, and desserts, baskets, gift cards, organized activities, and lent a helping hand wherever needed— we truly appreciate you.

Your time, generosity, and willingness to serve helped create two days filled with good food, fellowship, laughter, and wonderful memories.

We are so blessed to have such a caring church family. Thank You for helping make the Fall Fest a success, and most of all, for sharing your time, talents, and love with one another.

May God bless each and everyone of you!

"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 — Date to be determined.

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. Please contact Tanya Erdman at 484-634-6220 for Senior Choir, OR Michelle Bates at (570) 573-1134 for Cherub Choir.



The Kitchen Krew is back to work with the following fund raisers

October

Apple dumplings: Still \$5 each! Can be ordered in pans of 5 or 4 or singles.
Order by NEXT **Sunday, October 4th** with pickup in the Social Hall on
Thursday, October 22nd from 11:00am-5:00pm.

November

Apple dumplings: Order by **Sunday, October 25th** with pickup in the Social Hall on
Thursday, November 19th from 11:00am-5:00pm.

Filling: Order by **Sunday, November 8th** with pickup at the South
Entrance from 11:00am-1:00pm (Drive thru)

To order please sign up on the sheets provided in the church parlor, or
contact Karen Diehl 570-386-5472



Mission Giving

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERINGS: focuses on the financial commitment to justice and compassion throughout the United States. An envelope will be provided in the October 4th bulletin, and also be placed at both entrances to the sanctuary. *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* Galatians 6:2

***Say a Prayer for:
Recent***

Loved Ones of

Mark Wolfe

Loved Ones of

Bruce Hoppes

Loved Ones of

Roger Tyson

Audrey Ansbach

Callum Sanchez

Carl Gerber

Crystal Unger

Denise Angstadt

Dorothy Davis

Erlin Moyer

Frank Riotto

Hope Gramlich

Lois Faust

Melissa Snyder

Steve Miller

Tina Miller

Wendy Kunkel

Ongoing

Austin Klein

Beth Pravozino

Bonnie Miller

Bruce Miller

Carolyn Lantz

Clyde

Cody Wolfgang

Dale Peterson

Darlene Kunkel

Darryl Moyer

DeRue Kistler

Donald Hank Williams

Edna Moyer

Elsie Kiddell

Erin Coombe

Gregory Slivka

Harry & Janie Conner

Holly Fox

Janet Altenburg

John Tracy

Larry Chelsa

Linda Garber

Lisa Moyer

Liz Johns

Lynn Long

Maggie Wehr

Margarita Santnadelon

Mark Wolfe

Marsha Rodgers

Mary Lou McGowan

Nadine

Nancy Domanski

Parker Brode

Paul David

Ralph Fisher

Renee Troutman

Rita Yarmell

Russel Miller

Russell Snyder

Sharon Horning

Sue Hower

Susan Brockel

Teresa Fowler

Tracie & Scott Clews

Virginia Allesch

Wayne Lazarus

***Those on our
Visitation List:***

Buddy Arner, Jr.

Hazel Arner

Edith Coombe

Robert Coombe

Olga Faust

Wendy Kunkle

Larry Miller

Gary Steigerwalt

Doris Wolfe

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

O Lord, look down from heaven, and visit and relieve those who are ill. Look upon them with mercy; comfort them; give them a sure confidence in you; defend them from the attacks of the evil one; and keep them in perpetual peace and safety. Comfort and relieve your servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Military Overseas:

Deployed to Japan: John McGuire
Deployed to Germany: Joyce Steigerwalt

Our Military Active Not Deployed:

Mark Habel
Dustin Hoppes
Ezekiel Kuneck
Brennan Kunkel
Sean Kurtz
AJ Light
Amanda Miller
Austin Resch
Tyler Resch

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

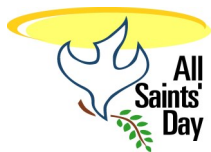
World Communion Sunday– October 4th

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 1st, 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 Josh 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" as we honor those who have passed into eternal rest and peace with God.

Fall Fun

by Barbara Nametko



Preschool is off to a great start, and we are excited for all the fall has to offer. We are looking forward to falling leaves, cooler weather, pumpkins, and Halloween. Our focus letters this month will be 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!



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HOLY HUMOR

"Come work for the Lord." ~ The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But, the retirement benefits are out of this world!

On a sign in the pastor's parking spot: "PASTOR'S PARKING ~ YOU PARK, YOU PREACH"

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Ladies, don't forget the church rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring you husbands.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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 14th

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.

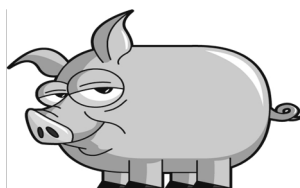
Ticket Sellers

Host/Hostesses - to greet and escort diners downstairs

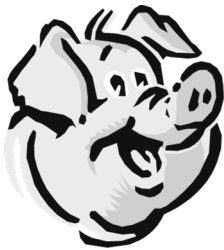
Water People - Ticket Collector

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 14TH
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: \$ _____

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Recently Baptized

Henry Martin Bauer

Born Friday, June 26, 2026

Baptized Sunday, October 4, 2026

Henry is the son of Logan and Emily (Tonkin) Bauer

Godson of Matthew Kuznioki and Kylie Burkholder

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***Harrison Christopher Solarczyk***

***Born Wednesday, February 25, 2026***

***Baptized Sunday, October 11, 2026***

***Harrison is the son of Joshua and Tanya Solarczyk***

***Godson of Ryan Wentz and Kristina Bedocs***

**Upcoming Sunday School Events:**

⇒ 11/14 ~ Pork & Sauerkraut Supper, Basket Raffle and Bake Sale ~ 3:00-7:00pm.

*Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School Class today. We have classes for all ages. Teachers and helpers are also always welcome. Anyone willing to be part of this great educational experience should see Hannah Miller or Nicole Hunsicker.*

*No flowers to plant, No garden to tend,  
As summertime lazily comes to an end.  
It's time to sit back and deliciously savor  
God's beauty of the season and the fruits of our labor.  
Farewell to summer, for autumn make way,  
With this last celebration of a summer's day.  
Adapted from author: Nancy Hughes*



**The deadline for the November issue of  
the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, October 13th.**

## **Daily Lectionary Readings for October 2026**

**Thursday, October 01, 2026:** Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23;  
**Friday, October 02, 2026:** Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a;  
**Saturday, October 03, 2026:** Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52;  
**Sunday, October 04, 2026:** Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46  
**Monday, October 05, 2026:** Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10;  
**Tuesday, October 06, 2026:** Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;  
**Wednesday, October 07, 2026:** Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57;  
**Thursday, October 08, 2026:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14;  
**Friday, October 09, 2026:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10;  
**Saturday, October 10, 2026:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22;  
**Sunday, October 11, 2026:** Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14  
**Monday, October 12, 2026:** Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25;  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2026:** Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1;  
**Wednesday, October 14, 2026:** Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35;  
**Thursday, October 15, 2026:** Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12;  
**Friday, October 16, 2026:** Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5;  
**Saturday, October 17, 2026:** Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12;  
**Sunday, October 18, 2026:** Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22  
**Monday, October 19, 2026:** Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20;  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2026:** Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24;  
**Wednesday, October 21, 2026:** Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matthew 17:22-27;  
**Thursday, October 22, 2026:** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16;  
**Friday, October 23, 2026:** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15;  
**Saturday, October 24, 2026:** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47;  
**Sunday, October 25, 2026:** Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46  
**Monday, October 26, 2026:** Psalm 119:41-48; Numbers 33:38-39; James 2:8-13;  
**Tuesday, October 27, 2026:** Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26;  
**Wednesday, October 28, 2026:** Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 26:16-27:7; Matthew 19:16-22;  
**Thursday, October 29, 2026:** Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29;  
**Friday, October 30, 2026:** Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3;  
**Saturday, October 31, 2026:** Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matthew 23:13-28;



***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.***

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

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