

St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor

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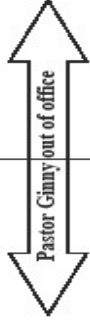
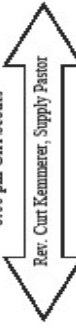
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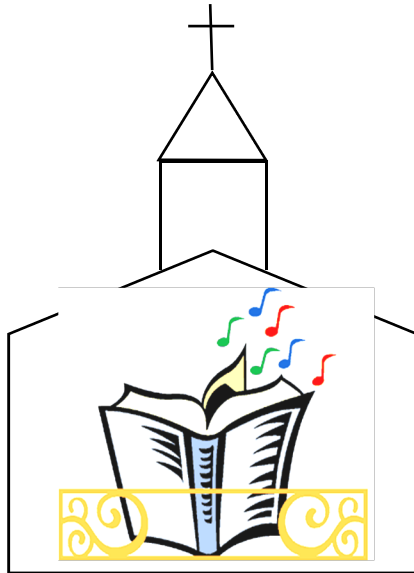
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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p></p>				<p>3  Easter Egg Hunt 1:00pm-SHARP!</p>
<p>4 Easter Sunday 6:30 am-Easter Sunrise Service (no breakfast) 9:00 am-Morning Worship Service CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION AT BOTH SERVICES 10:15am-Sunday School </p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>2 Filling order pickup 11:00 am ~ 2:00 pm South Entrance 7:30 pm-in person Good Friday Service</p>
<p>11 Second Sunday of Easter 9:00 am-Morning Worship Service JOYOUS NOISE OFFERING ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10:15am-Sunday School 6:00 pm Girl Scouts </p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 </p>	<p>14</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>18 Third Sunday of Easter 9:00 am-Morning Worship Service 10:15am-Sunday School 11:00 pm-Church Board 6:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:00pm-WASP</p>	<p>21 </p>	<p>23</p>
<p>25 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:00 am-Morning Worship Service 10:15 am-Sunday School 6:00 pm Girl Scouts </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>31</p>
<p>1 7:30 pm-in-person Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>24</p>

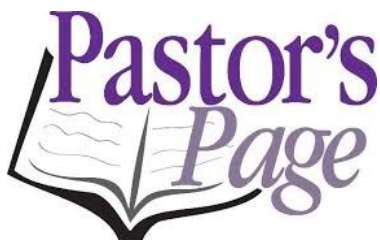
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where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

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.”



*This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

~Psalm 118:24

Easter has always been my favorite church holiday and I credit that to my dad. Easter, for him, was like New Year's Day. It was like he burst out of the tomb and came alive. He loved Spring, planting his garden, tending to his fruit trees, and working outside. Easter was the beginning of it all for him and as much as he loved Spring, he loved Jesus even more. He truly *rejoiced* on Easter Sunday and I will never forget the joy in his heart on that special day of the year. I am forever grateful when my dad's Easter joy comes flooding back to me every year on Easter Sunday and I welcome it with an open heart.

This Easter will be especially joyful since we will celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord together and in our beautiful sanctuary. It feels like we lost a year—we lost the celebration of significant holy days in the church year: we were not together for Holy Week last year, Easter or Christmas. Resurrection this year has more meaning than ever. We have been stuck in a Covid-tomb and the stone is gradually being pushed away and we are beginning to emerge and to arise to new life again.

Let's not take it lightly, let's truly rejoice this Easter and let's live like resurrected people who have been given new life...because—Thanks to Jesus—we have!

Wishing you a Blessed Easter!

*With Much Love,
Pastor Ginny*

URGENTLY NEEDED

**Personal care urgently needed mornings or overnight.
Call Matt and Susie Brickler at 570-386-4413 if you or
someone you know might be interested.**



HOLY WEEK
Worship Services

March 28th ~April 4th

(All services are in-person)

Sunday, March 28th *Passion/Palm Sunday, 9:00 a.m.*

Morning worship service with the distribution of Palms.

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



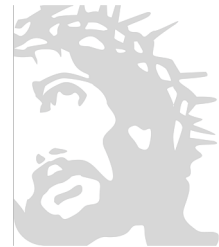
Thursday, April 1st *Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.*

Experience the Last Supper with Jesus when he gave the new commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you”



Friday, April 2nd *Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.*

Good Friday Tenebrae Service:



Sunday, April 4th

Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service and 9:00 a.m. Service
Celebration of Communion at both services.

“Celebrate new life in Christ as we worship with
gratitude and praise the risen Lord!”

(NO Breakfast)



Daily Lectionary Readings

Thursday, April 1, 2021, Maundy Thursday:

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19; Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Friday, April 2, 2021: Good Friday:

Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53: 12; John 18: 1-19, 42

Saturday, April 3, 2021: Psalm 31: 1-4, 15-16; Job 14: 1-14; 1 Peter 4:1-8

Sunday, April 4, 2021: Resurrection of the Lord:

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20: 1-18

Monday, April 5, 2021: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:1-19; 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Tuesday, April 6, 2021: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:20-2:4a; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Wednesday, April 7, 2021: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Song of Solomon 3:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Thursday, April 8, 2021: Psalm 133; Daniel 1:1-21; Acts 2:42-47

Friday, April 9, 2021: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:1-23; Acts 4:23-31

Saturday, April 10, 2021: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:24-49; John 12:44-50

Sunday, April 11, 2021: Psalm 133; Acts 4: 32-35; John 20: 19-31

Monday, April 12, 2021: Psalm 135; Daniel 3:1-30; 1 John 2:3-11

Tuesday, April 13, 2021: Psalm 135; Daniel 6:1-28; 1 John 2:12-17

Wednesday, April 14, 2021: Psalm 135; Isaiah 26:1-15; Mark 12:18-27

Thursday, April 15, 2021: Psalm 4; Daniel 9:1-19; 1 John 2:18-25

Friday, April 16, 2021: Psalm 4; Daniel 10:2-19; 1 John 2:26-28

Saturday, April 17, 2021: Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30

Sunday, April 18, 2021: Psalm 4; Acts 3: 12-19; Luke 24: 36-48

Monday, April 19, 2021: Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16

Tuesday, April 20, 2021: Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6; 2 John 1:1-6

Wednesday, April 21, 2021: Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18

Thursday, April 22, 2021: Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26

Friday, April 23, 2021: Psalm 23; Genesis 46:28-47:6; Acts 4:1-4

Saturday, April 24, 2021: Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, April 25, 2021: Psalm 23; Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18

Monday, April 26, 2021: Psalm 95; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, April 27, 2021: Psalm 95; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; Revelation 7:13-17

Wednesday, April 28, 2021: Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31

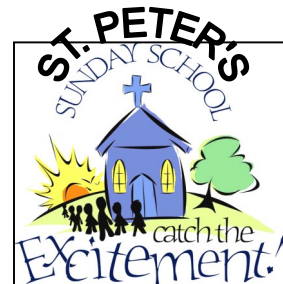
Thursday, April 29, 2021: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8

Friday, April 30, 2021: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25

Upcoming Sunday School Events:

**Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Every Sunday
(unless otherwise noted)**

- ⇒ 4/3—Easter Egg Hunt; 1:00 PM SHARP!
- ⇒ 4/4— HAPPY EASTER!
- ⇒ 5/9—Mother’s Day ~ outside worship (weather permitting) at 9:00 AM)
- ⇒ 5/23—Memorial Day Service **at Zion’s Stone Church**



Thank you to Cathy Wehr for donating the eggs for the egg hunt; Thank you to Charlene Miller for boiling the eggs for the egg hunt; Thank you to Jebber Diehl for donating the flag (for outside).

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 Curt Hartung. Just remember, you can't ask "What would Jesus do?" until you know "What Jesus did and said!"

Don't Forget!!

St. Peter's Annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
is scheduled for
Saturday, April 3rd, 2021
1:00 PM SHARP!



W. A. S. P. News



The next meeting of the Women's Association of St. Peter's will be on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 pm. Masks and social-distancing are required.

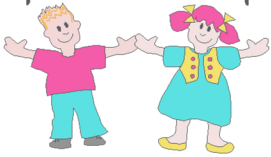
WASP usually meets in the fellowship hall the 3rd Tuesday of every month, unless a special event is planned. All women are invited to join them.

St. Peter's Preschool 2021-2022 Registration

St. Peter's Preschool is now accepting registrations for returning preschool families and our church family. St. Peter's Preschool is accepting both three and four year olds who are potty trained and will turn the respective ages by September 1st. Your little one will be given the opportunity to prepare for kindergarten through exploring, playing, learning, and socializing with children from their community. St. Peter's Preschool 4 year old program runs Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00-11:30 am and our 3 year old program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30. We will also be offering our Afternoon Adventures program on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30-2pm.

If interested please call the church at 386-4388 and we will put you in touch with Mrs. Nametko OR email her: Preschoolbarbara@gmail.com

St. Peter's
preschool



Spring Fun

By Barbara Nametko

Preschool is overjoyed 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 V, W, and X. 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!

Preschool is holding a Yeti cooler raffle. The cooler is filled with Yeti tumblers, drinks, snacks and valued at \$500. Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will take place on April 14th. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Mrs. Nametko or Mrs. Houser.

Preschool registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year, and classes are filling up quickly. If you know anyone that is interested in registering for preschool, please have them email Preschoolbarbara@gmail.com.

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

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Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

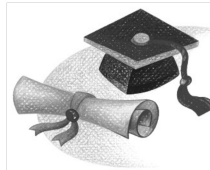
The Joyous Noise Offering in March totaled \$120.00 and was collected to help the Courier-Seitzer family (Andrew, Valerie, James & Callie) from Leighton who lost their home and everything in it including their beloved pets (two dogs and two cats) in a fire on February 21st.

Thank you for your support!

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 Megan Frantz or Suzie Hartung.

Senior Sunday

We are planning our annual tradition at St. Peter's by celebrating "Senior Sunday" sometime in June and are in need of someone to coordinate and gather information from our graduating seniors. We thank Megan Frantz for her outstanding coordination of information and PowerPoint presentation in past years. During morning worship on that day, there will be a time to honor our graduating seniors from high school, college, our preschool and technical school. We would like to include highlights of the lives of our graduates and include their accomplishments as well as plans for the future. We are also seeking participants in the worship service from the pool of graduates. If you or someone you know will be graduating this spring, please notify the church office immediately. And, we hope the entire congregation will join in our worship celebration of these incredible young people with whom God has gifted us.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on *Sunday, April 11th* following worship services for the purpose of accepting the 2020 Annual Report and adopting the 2021 budget. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Congregational
Meeting



BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir is currently holding practices on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Covid precautions, including masks and social-distancing, will be in place. If you are interested in joining the Bell Choir, please contact our Director of Music, Carol Steigerwalt at 570-768-5165.



Recently Baptized

Waylon Thomas Wehr

Born October 29, 2020

Baptized March 14, 2021

***Waylon Thomas is the son of Rodney and Brittany (Giannini) Wehr
Godson of Dayne Giannini and Aaron Miller***

April Usher Serving Schedule

Head Usher - Denise Moyer

Ushers - Kim Kistler, Mike Hunsicker, Paul Heimer

Alternate - Christine Miller

THE APRIL EDITION OF THE CORNERSTONE



*is sponsored in loving memory of
Diane Hunsicker, our dear daughter, sister, aunt
and great-aunt.
Her light will shine forever.*

**The deadline for the May issue of
the “Cornerstone” is Tuesday, April 13th.
Deadline for articles or information is always the
2nd Tuesday of the month.**



CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From Board Meeting of March 21st- -

Pastor Ginny will be attending continuing education classes and will not be available Wednesday, April 21st through Sunday, April 25th. Rev. Curt Kemmerer will serve as supply pastor on Sunday, April 25th.

It was noted that all services for April will be in-person, including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. It was suggested that members might consider attending the Easter Dawn service since the 9:00 AM service will be limited capacity and overflow will need to be in the social hall.

The Sunday worship service for Mother's Day on May 9th will be held outside (weather permitting) beginning at 9:00 AM.

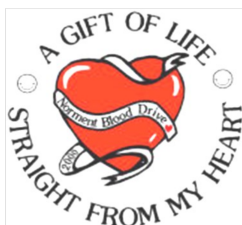
The Safety Committee has proposed outside security cameras and will get a price for 7 cameras to be used at all entrances.

The Property Committee will hold a future meeting to determine what projects need to be addressed in the future.

A thank you was received from the Second Harvest Food Bank for our donation of \$218.00 to help end hunger in Northeast Pennsylvania.

The next meeting of the Church Board will be held on Sunday, April 18th at 11:00 AM.

*Meetings are held the third Sunday of every month unless otherwise noted.
(Complete copies of the minutes may be obtained from the church office.)*



BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive that was held at St. Peter's on February 28th resulted in 30 units! We surpassed our goal of 25 units. Thank you to everyone who gave and a special thanks to Shawn Tonkin for organizing this event.

Say a Prayer for:

Loved Ones of
Jonathan Honey, Sr.
Loved Ones of
Karli Snyder
June Kalusky
Travis Flanagan
Charlie Butkus
Cindy Price
Joann Herring
Mrs. Demage
Maisie Schock
Franklin 'Pete' Pruett
Misty Kershner
Herman Snyder
Lucas Nelson
Paul David
Zayden Mabey
Shirley Frantz
Betty Breiner
Karen Nelson
Anna Mae Kane
Danette Troxel
David Knoebel
Beverly Knoebel
Ronald Ziegler
Gary Zehner
John Kowlewski
Tammy Kemery
Glenn Wehr
Lori Ruch
Jean Snyder
Chester Snyder
Doris Wolfe
Arnold Miller
Matthew Fox
Dan Myers
Ronald Yuricheck
Jessica Nehm
Joni Pavlock

Allison Steigerwalt
Patty Bouman
Daniel Troxell
Slate Altenberg
Aiden Kreimendahl
Jeffrey Kistler, Sr.
Rose Pitts
Willard Dunbar
Mike & Bernice Delp
Carol Tynan
Kim Cope
Lisa Serfass
Robert Coombe
Danika Tworkowsky
Walter Szymanski
Ben Fink
Diane Middlecamp
Gino Lorady
Bernie Matyascik
Jamie Phelan
Michael Hinkle
Kim & Dave Carson
Marion Kupres
Louise Billman
Tony Masor
Sherry Walz
Damian Birchess
Shari Yediny
Richard Kistler
Darlene Kunkel
Erla Biasi
Carolyn Kunkle
Aspen Murphy
Jillian Datchko
Pastor Nathan Kennedy
Russel Stull, Jr.
Veronica Steigerwalt
Sharon Roth
McCoy Rapa
Donna Roderick

Jaden Leiby
Justin Klotz
Gene McCormik
Mike Rascho
William Shirar
Amy Meixsall
Richard Frey
Carol Faust
JoAnn Pagonis
Jo Kunkle
Jackson Delebar
Vicki Pratt
Lucas Millot
Austin Klein
Melissa Drake
Lorna Hart
Matt Brickler
Carson Barron
Caroline Lantz
Gerri Steigerwalt
Robert Miller
Lenny Jones
Nancy Barkus
Howard Morana

**Those on Our
Visitation List:**

Buddy Arner
Arlene Breiner
Lynn Gerber
Eldora Rex
Velma Schaeffer
June Williams
Doris Wolfe

Our Missionaries:

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

Our Military Overseas:

Deployed to Afghanistan: Michael Zeigenfuss

Deployed to Japan: John McGuire

Deployed to Kuwait: Issac Acuna

Our Military Active Not Deployed:

*Amber Gulick
Patrick Donahue, II
Mark Habel
Dustin Hoppes
LeRoy E. Kromer II
Timothy Kromer
Ezekiel Kuneck
Sean Kurtz
Jonathan Liggitt
Michelle Liggitt*

*Antonio Lorenzo
Dominic Lorenzo
Amanda Miller
Lisa Miller
Austin Resch
Tyler Resch
Trevor Schilling
Andy Snyder
Chad Wehr
Mark West
Scott West*

St. Peter's Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers which were really needed while I was in the hospital and recouping at home.

Thanks Pastor Ginny for your visit and also to our daughters who took care of us through this all.

*Thanks again,
Chester and Jean*



St. Peter's Church Family,

I wish I could find the perfect way to thank you for being so thoughtful during my time of need. You always seem to know just what people need and what will brighten their day.

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, prayers and visits. A special thank you to Pastor Ginny for her visits and inspiration.

Your kindness made a difference and your thoughtfulness touched my life.



God Bless You All!
Arnold Miller

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for the cards and the kind expressions of sympathy.

We would also like to thank those of you who sent Wilbur a cards or called him while he was at Gracedale. It meant a lot to him and to us.

God bless you all,
Mark and Lisa Eberts.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES ARE NOW BEING HELD EACH SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM.

MASKS (WORN CORRECTLY—COVERING BOTH MOUTH AND NOSE) ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.

WE ARE ASKING THAT MEMBERS NOT GATHER IN THE BUILDING FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON YOU CAN VIEW OUR VIRTUAL SERVICES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT 'ST PETERS CHURCH OF WEST PENN'

INDOOR WORSHIP GUIDELINES for COVID19

For the health and safety of everyone, social distancing will be practiced in the sanctuary. Seating will be available in every other pew. Family members may sit together, but please allow six feet between other members and other families. Ushers will be available to assist with seating. Overflow seating will be available in the social hall, if needed.

Masks (worn correctly—covering both mouth and nose) are required at all times while in the church building. There will be no congregational singing at this time, but special music will continue to be offered. Offering envelopes may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the sanctuary. Holy Communion will continue to be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. All who wish to participate are asked to bring their own bread (individually packaged wafers are available, if needed) and wine/juice will be safely distributed by the ushers.

Following the service, the ushers will dismiss the congregation. While we understand and appreciate that everyone wants to fellowship with their church family and friends, we are asking that members not gather in the building following worship. If you would like to engage in conversation with others, please do so outside of the building.

Attendance will be taken every Sunday; if someone tests positive for Covid19, all those present will be notified and in-door worship will be cancelled for two weeks. These procedures are in place to protect everyone, especially those considered more vulnerable to contract the virus. If you are feeling sick, please DO NOT attend in-person worship. If you become sick and test positive for Covid19, please contact the church office or the pastor immediately so protective measures can be put into place.

The Church Board appreciates your prayers, support, and patience as we resume indoor worship. We will continue to review the observance of the guidelines and adjust procedures as needed. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastor or a Board member.

ST PETER'S HELPING HANDS OUTREACH COMMITTEE

St. Peter's Community Outreach Committee met on March 16 to discuss a mission statement and begin working on outreach projects.

It was decided that the committee will focus on one global project per year, or another project that reaches out to another area of our country and continue to serve the community through local outreach projects.

Global Project:

The committee determined that the first global project will be Food for the Poor. Food for the Poor, first introduced by guest preacher, Reverend Bruce Potteiger, is a charity organization that works with those in extreme poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean. Food for the Poor not only provides aid to those living in extreme poverty, but also provides support for a future for self-sustenance.

There have been donation boxes for congregation members to take home during the Lenten season to collect monetary donations. These donations will be collected by the committee members for Easter. The donations will be totaled up to purchase an item that will be sent to where it is needed the most. Further information is available at foodforthe poor.org.

Local Project:

Our first local community project will be a collection drive of tissue boxes for our local nursing homes. Many of the nursing homes have expressed a simple need of tissues for their residents. The committee will be hosting Operation Bless You Boxes for the congregation to donate boxes of tissues. There will be a collection bin down in the parlor area when you enter the church. The Bless You Boxes will be collected for the month of May.

If you have any questions regarding the outreach projects, please see a committee member.

St. Peter's Helping Hands Committee

Pastor Ginny Heimer	Paul Heimer	Terry Abrachinsky
Susan Cavanaugh	Sharon Herring	Dave Hontz
Jill Imbody	Justin Imbody	Bonnie Myers
Carol Steigerwalt	Delroy Steigerwalt	Karen Diehl

"...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25: 40)

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