

#### St. Peter's Church, West Penn 184 St. Peter's Road Tamagua PA 18252 570-386-4388

#### Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor

For Pastoral Care or Emergency: Pastor Heimer's Cell: 610-762-3840 Pastor Heimer will be in her office on:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM;

Thursdays from 9:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM Friday ~ OFF; Saturday ~ SABBATH DAY

NOTE: Pastor Heimer will be at a Continuing Education Seminar from Monday, April 25th through Thursday, April 27th. Please contact Pastor Russ Campbell @ 610-737-2634 for any pastoral needs or contact Denise Moyer, Board President at 484-695-1887 for general concerns.

(Contact for emergencies only, please.

If you have a <u>non-urgent</u> prayer request, please email)

Contact our TLC Committee for Your Special Needs: Please call Pastor Heimer OR the Church Office

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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 First Day of the Rest of Your Life!"

The dreary winter has come to a close, Spring has sprung, and we are preparing to celebrate Easter. Green grass and flowers are beginning their new and fresh start on the still damp blanket of the earth. It is a time of new life and change all around us—it is perhaps a time for us to enjoy new life and make some new changes!

As Jesus emerged from the darkness of the tomb—we have emerged from the isolation that the pandemic brought on us. Maybe we should think of it as a time of rebirth and treat the here and now as a blessing and a time to emerge—to sprout and blossom. What a wonderful opportunity to start something new or perhaps make a long-awaited change in ourselves or some aspect of our lives.

We sometimes get stuck in a "rut" or a bad habit that is hard to break. We feel stagnant and that life has become humdrum. Only we can change these feelings; regardless of our present circumstances and the pieces of our lives and ourselves in which we simply have no control—there are definitely things we can control and change. As Jesus was resurrected—so too can we be resurrected from old ideas, old habits, and old ways of thinking.

Maybe it is time to adopt a new mantra for our daily living such as "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13) or "This is the first day of the rest of my life...and I'm going to start living that way!"

If you decide that a change might do some good...just remember that God is with you through it all and as long as we are open to God's Spirit working within us: "With God, all things are possible!"

Amen and Thanks Be To God!! Pastor Ginny

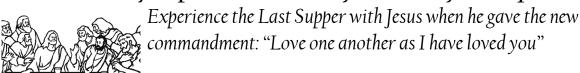


## Sunday, April 10th Passion/Palm Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Morning worship service with the distribution of Palms.

"Come and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem!"

## Thursday, April 14th Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.



Friday, April 15th *Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.* Good Friday Tenebrae Service:





## Sunday, April 17th 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!"



Lincoln Peter Delich
Born Thursday, August 19,2021
Baptized Sunday, March 13, 2022
Lincoln is the son of Nicholas and Tara (Heimer) Delich
Godson/Grandparents of Don & Teri Delich
and Paul & Virginia Heimer

Mason Berlyn William Dale Imbody Born Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Baptized Sunday, March 20, 2022 Mason is the son of Justin and Jill (Hoppes) Imbody Godson of Shawn and Meaghan Bausher

#### WELCOME TO OUR ST. PETER'S CHURCH FAMILY



Taylor Miller, originally from Tamaqua, graduated from Tamaqua Area High School in 2013, Lehigh Carbon Community College in 2015 and Kutztown University in 2017. After college, she married her high school sweetheart, Travis Miller and resides on his family farm in Strauss Valley. Taylor is a lover of many things: coffee, sweets, animals, campfires, and

entertaining to name a few. She is an avid outdoors woman who enjoys hunting, hiking, camping, buggy riding and long walks in the woods with her son, Tripp, and English Springer-Spaniel, Kai.



The Memorial Day service is at St. Peter's this year on **Sunday**, **May 29**<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

#### **Upcoming Sunday School Events:**

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

- ⇒ 4/10—Easter egg coloring after church.
- ⇒ 4/16—Easter Egg Hunt; 1:00 PM SHARP!
- ⇒ 4/17— HAPPY EASTER!
- ⇒ 5/8—Mother's Day
- ⇒ 5/29—Memorial Day Service at St. Peter's



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 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!!

St. Peter's Annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2022
1:00 PM SHARP!



#### **Helping Hands Nursing Home Ministry**

A Worship/Communion service is offered to The Palmerton Assisted Living Facility the *third Friday of each month at 10:30 AM, and at St. Luke's Coaldale (5th floor) monthly (dates TBD)*. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Ginny. Please prayerfully consider joining us in taking church to the people who are unable to make it to church—a population that is often forgotten. Singers and readers are needed; also those interested in bringing joy to others.

#### St. Peter's Preschool 2022-2023 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 N 11:30-2pm.

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



# **Spring Joy**By Barbara Nametko

Spring has finally arrived, and Preschool is thrilled! We can't wait to explore everything spring has to offer, from the budding flowers, spring puddles, to bugs and baby animals. We also love getting outside to take nature walks and take in some of the sights and sounds of Spring.

The letters X, Y, and Z will be our focus letters this month with pastel colors, the number 9 and oval shapes.

You may hear some hopping and bunny songs coming from our classroom as we get ready for Easter. We will be painting some eggs along with making some cute bunnies and chicks. Check out our fantastic crafts outside our room and in the display case! Easter time also brings our favorite game, What's in the Egg and our Easter egg hunt.

Preschool will be holding our 2nd 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 May 24<sup>th</sup> after our four year old Graduation. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Mrs. Nametko or Mrs. Houser.

Preschool registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year, and classes are almost full. 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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# ST. PETER'S DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS Summer In Cricket County



Psst! Have y'all heard about Fester? At a church picnic, two gossips start scandalous rumors that spread like wildfire. Did Fester really steal an axe from the hardware store? The picnic devolves into hearsay and hullabaloo that culminates in a visit from the town sheriff! That's not all. Somehow Brenda Mae and Glenda Mae reckon their prissy city cousins Mimi and Petunia are fixin' to steal their hillbilly boyfriends! Through hilarious misunderstandings, the truth that rumors can get out of hand and ruin reputations is heard louder'n a yappin' dawg!

SHOW TIMES: (includes dinner & show)
Friday & Saturday, May 13, & 14 at 6:00 p.m.
Friday (Turkey Croquettes) Saturday (Sausage)
Sunday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday (Ham)

All meals include:

fruit cup, salad, filling w/gravy, carrots, roll, dessert, drinks.

Tickets: \$20.00 adults \$15.00 children 5-10 Ticket deadline May 1, 2022 For tickets call the church office (570) 386-4388, or Lori Hoppes at (570) 386-2440

The church is located on St. Peter's Road just off of route 443.

**Proceeds benefit the Building Fund Roof Project** 



Our final series of mid-week services with our sister churches in the area. The remaining date and place is:

Lenten Series of Shared Worship

#### Wednesday, April 6–7:00 p.m.

Love John 12: 1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus

Ben Salem Preacher: Rev. Ginny Heimer

The service is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and will offer a time of light refreshment and fellowship following the service. Come and explore with us, within the context of our Christian faith, the theme to be shared by our sister churches will be: "Turning Toward God's Abundance."

#### ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

The current account balance is \$83,700.00

The Building Fund transferred 5% of the 2021 fund raising profits to the St. Peter's Discretionary Fund. The amount was \$915.92.

Profits from the filling, pizza, bologna, and dip sales will be provided in the upcoming newsletter.



Remember, it is important to keep us informed of any address or telephone changes, including cell phone or work phone numbers, and email addresses, if you wish. Please notify the church office by mail, email or telephone. By doing this, we can keep in touch with you and provide you with important information regarding the church. Thank you in advance for your help!

Dear St. Peter's Church,

Thank you for your support and prayers for our missionary work in the Czech Republic.

We are sorry that we didn't get to say thank you in person and tell you about our work

We pray that God will bless you and your labors for the Kingdom.



In Christ, Valera, Maude, Zarina, Alexander and Nicolas Motovilov



# St. Peter's Annual Old Fashioned Picnic

This year's picnic will be held *Friday, June 24th - 4:00 pm -8:00 pm and Saturday, June 25th from 12:00 pm ~ 6:00 pm.* 

#### It will be held RAIN OR SHINE!

We will be having food, bake sale, bingo and the basket raffle. We are looking for bake sale donations, bingo prizes, and baskets and/or gift cards for the basket raffle. (baskets and/or gift cards should have at least a \$20 value). Prizes for the bingo can be dropped off at the church. Basket raffle donations can be dropped at the church or Lori Hoppes' house. Monetary donations are appreciated and will be used to cover food costs. Please contact Lori Hoppes for any questions or drop offs. Home - 570-386-2440: Cell or text 610-393-0901; email at <a href="mailto:lhopboss@ptd.net">lhopboss@ptd.net</a>.

WASP is accepting baskets and/or gift cards now through **June 19th** for the basket raffle. The baskets/gift cards should have a value of at least \$20.00. Baskets should be wrapped, if possible, with a card describing the basket contents. They can be dropped off at the church during office hours or you can also drop them off at Lori Hoppes' house; again, her number is 570-386-2440.

Also, check out our Facebook page! Follow us at: St. Peter's Church Old Fashioned Picnic for updates. We welcome your comments and suggestions.



## April Usher Serving Schedule

#### <u>Head Usher</u> - Denise Moyer <u>Ushers</u> - Nicole Hunsicker, Dan Algard, Albert Miller

**April 3- Lector:** TBD

(white) **Psalm Reader:** Morgan Myers

Bell Ringer: Brynley Kistler

**Assisting Minister:** Kailee Thomas

Acolytes: Abbey Rex and Tyler MacMillan

**Sound System:** Mark Eberts **Videographer:** Justin Imbody

April 10- Lector: TBD

(red) **Psalm Reader:** Abbey Rex

Bell Ringer: Chase Moyer

**Assisting Minister:** Tyler MacMillan

**Acolytes:** Morgan Myers and Kailee Thomas **Angel Ushers:** Madison Coombe, Caleb Bieber,

Mason Hunsicker and Brynley Kistler

**Sound System:** Eric Schock **Videographer:** Justin Imbody

**April 17-** 6:30am Sunrise Service

(white) Lector: TBD

Bell Ringer: Tj Hartman

Acolytes: Tyler MacMillan and Kailee Thomas

**Sound System:** Paul Heimer **Videographer:** Justin Imbody

9:00am Sunrise Service

Lector: TBD

Bell Ringer: Madison Schaeffer

Acolytes: Tyler MacMillan and Kailee Thomas

Sound System: Blaine Seip Videographer: Justin Imbody

**April 24-** Lector: TBD

(white) **Psalm Reader:** Kailee Thomas

Bell Ringer: Makenna O'Brien Assisting Minister: Abbey Rex

Acolytes: Morgan Myers and Tyler MacMillan

**Sound System:** Anthony Thomas **Videographer:** Justin Imbody

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#### **Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**

O, Prince of Peace, once more we hear the guns of war, Once more we see the faces of frightened children.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace;

We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace;

We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part of peacemaking in this world.

O, Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time

To a deeper understanding of the global human family,

So all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace.

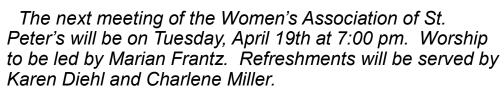
Amen.

Jane Deren, Ph.D.

"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

John 15:2 King James Version

# W. A. S. P. News





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.



Don't forget about our clothing drive! We need your gently used unwanted clothing, shoes, and linens for our clothing drive ~ date announced soon! As Please make sure they are in CLEAR or WHITE plastic garbage or grocery bags which is now required by the company for sorting purposes. NO large black/green garbage bags please. If

you have further questions, please see Laurie Seip or call her at 570-386-4612.

#### THE APRIL EDITION OF THE CORNERSTONE



is sponsored by Laverne and Merk Hunsicker

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime."

Martin Luther

The deadline for the May issue of the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, April 12th.

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

You can sponsor the newsletter for \$120.00 per month (our cost to mail), but any amount helps to defray our cost.



# **Joyous Noise Offering**

# PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

The Joyous Noise Offering in March totaled \$175.00 and was collected for the Concern Organization which helps children with foster care, children with medical and trauma needs, promotes adoption, community services, such as in-home care, transitional youth and case management, and behavioral health services such as crisis intervention and mental health services. Concern is making a difference every day... One child at a time.

The Joyous Noise for April will be for Samaritan's Purse, Ukraine. Samaritan's Purse has established an Emergency Field Hospital on the outskirts of Lviv, in western Ukraine, to care for those suffering as war rages on. They have scores of disaster response specialists on the ground between Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Moldova. More than 2.5 million refugees have fled Ukraine to other European countries. Millions more are displaced internally. "God calls us to go into crisis areas to help those who are most vulnerable," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "As the conflict escalates in Ukraine, our international disaster response teams with doctors, nurses, and other specialists are equipped and ready to help people in Jesus' Name. We want them to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them."

As always, 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 Nicole Hunsicker..

Life is a measure to be filled	
·	Not a cup to be drained.

#### Say a Prayer for:

Loved Ones of Eldora Rex Carol Steigerwalt Dan Algard Alexis Scott Anne Scott Michael Babinchak Shelly Babinchak Glenn Rarick Debbie Peipher Jordan Smith Rose Bear Betty Breiner Dan Myers Tory Graver Pete Fisher Sherry Seip Maggie Wehr Robert Kistler, Jr. Dave Warner Nancy Domanski Rosanne Abrachinsky Matt Brickler Matthew J. Wentz Melinda Frey Linda Agosti Walter Szymanski Logan Pribila Bruce Wolfe Lori Fairchild Franklin Mackes Slayton Altenburg Lamar Gerber Melissa Havdt Thomas Miller Carol Barron Keith Bitler MaryAnne Mitrisin

Chris Conway Thomas Highland Mark Abrachinsky Greg Blackall Lana Kuehner Amanda Donohue Lucas Milot Travis Flannigan Lucas Nelson Paul David Zavden Mabev Gary Zehner John Kowlewski Matthew Fox Jessica Nehm Allison Steigerwalt Aiden Kreimendahl Mike & Bernice Delp Carol Tynan Lisa Serfass Danika Tworkowsky Ben Fink Diane Middlecamp Gino Lorady Bernie Matyascik Jamie Phelan Kim & Dave Carson Marion Kupres Louise Billman Tony Masor Sherry Walz Shari Yediny Richard Kistler Darlene Kunkel Erla Biasi Carolyn Kunkle Aspen Murphy Jillian Datchko

Pastor Nathan Kennedy Russel Stull. Jr. Veronica Steigerwalt McCoy Rapa Donna Roderick Jaden Leiby Justin Klotz Gene McCormik Mike Rascho William Shirar Amv Meixsall JoAnn Pagonis Jo Kunkle Jackson Delebar Vicki Pratt Austin Klein Melissa Drake Lorna Hart Carson Barron Caroline Lantz Nancy Barkus Howard Morana

# Those on Our Visitation List:

Buddy Arner
Arlene Breiner
Edith Coombe
Robert Coombe
Olga Faust
Lynn Gerber
Rev, David Knoebel
Beverly Knoebel
Dorothy Miller
Larry Miller
Velma Schaeffer
Warren Steigerwalt
June Williams
Doris Wolfe

#### **Our Missionaries:**

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

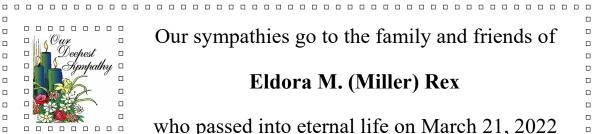
#### **Our Military Overseas:**

Deployed to Japan: John McGuire Deployed to Africa: Jonathan & Michelle Liggitt

#### Our Military ~ Active Not Deployed:

Jacob Coombe Amber Gulick Patrick Donohue, II Mark Habel Dustin Hoppes LeRoy E. Kromer II Timothy Kromer Ezekiel Kuneck Sean Kurtz Antonio Lorenzo Dominic Lorenzo

Amanda Miller Lisa Miller Austin Resch Tyler Resch Trevor Schilling Andy Snyder Chad Wehr Mark West Scott West Michael Zeigenfuss



Our sympathies go to the family and friends of

#### Eldora M. (Miller) Rex

who passed into eternal life on March 21, 2022 Please remember this family in your prayers.

Church isn't where you meet. Church isn't a building. Church is what you do. Church is who you are. Church is the human outworking of the person of Jesus Christ. Let's not go to Church, let's be the Church.

#### **April Daily Lectionary Readings**

**Friday, April 1, 2022**: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25-3:1

Saturday, April 2, 2022: Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57

Sunday, April 3, 2022: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Monday, April 4, 2022: Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25

Tuesday, April 5, 2022: Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28

Wednesday, April 6, 2022: Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34

Thursday, April 7, 2022: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday, April 8, 2022: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18

Saturday, April 9, 2022: Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13

Sunday, April 10, 2022: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

Sunday, April 10, 2022: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Monday, April 11, 2022: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 12, 2022: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, April 13, 2022: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

**Thursday, April 14, 2022**: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 15, 2022: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 16, 2022: Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; John 19:38-42

Sunday, April 17, 2022: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12

Monday, April 18, 2022: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Tuesday, April 19, 2022: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31; Revelation 12:1-12

Wednesday, April 20, 2022: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12

Thursday, April 21, 2022: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16

Friday, April 22, 2022: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26

Saturday, April 23, 2022: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40

Sunday, April 24, 2022: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Monday, April 25, 2022: Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20

Tuesday, April 26, 2022: Psalm 122; Esther 8:1-17; Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, April 27, 2022: Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23; Luke 12:4-12

Thursday, April 28, 2022: Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Revelation 3:14-22

Friday, April 29, 2022: Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**: Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14



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

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