



St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor

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Pastor Heimer will be in her office on:

Tuesdays and Wednesday from 12:00 PM ~ 4:00 PM

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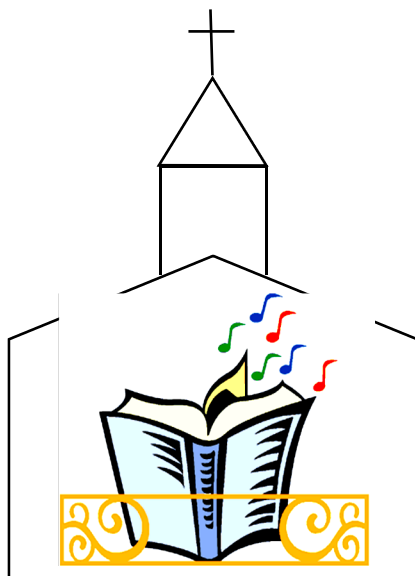
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St. Peter's Church West Penn



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."



Truly I will tell you,
whatever you did for
ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE
brothers and sisters of mine,
YOU DID FOR ME.
MATTHEW 25:40



We welcomed Pastor Bruce Potteiger to share the good news about *Food for the Poor* on Sunday, January 24th. Pastor Bruce has served our Lord in 40 years of parish ministry in the ELCA. His ministry was spent in Northeast Pennsylvania. He has been on over 30 mission trips with his parish churches, rebuilding homes throughout the United States, and has most recently visited Haiti and Nicaragua with *Food for the Poor*.

Over the past 38 years *Food for the Poor*, a Christian based nonprofit organization, has worked in 17 countries in the Caribbean Islands and Latin America, working with local pastors to serve the poor and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Over 94% of all gifts including donated goods, go directly to help the poor, providing not only food but also emergency relief, clean water, medicines, educational material, building homes, micro-enterprise projects, prison ministry, support of orphans and the aged.

We have enclosed a brochure if you are interested in supporting this ministry; the brochure also describes how this organization helps to feed people in 17 countries.

Pastor's Message

Love is patient; love is kind. Love isn't envious, doesn't boast, brag, or strut about. There's no arrogance in love; it's never rude, crude, or indecent—it's not self-absorbed. Love isn't easily upset. Love doesn't tally wrongs or celebrate injustice; but truth—yes, truth—is love's delight! Love puts up with anything and everything that comes along; it trusts, hopes, and endures no matter what. —1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (The Voice)

When we were first dating and in the early years of our marriage, my husband and I did the Valentine's Day thing: expensive flowers, gifts and dinners, mushy cards, even some funny gag gifts. But as the years went on and our love for each other grew in different ways...we agreed to stop celebrating Valentine's Day because we realized we became pretty good at celebrating our love every day of the year and we still do to this day. We stopped buying into the expensive "Hallmark Holiday" that Valentine's Day has become.

Love should be celebrated every day of the year and not just celebrated by couples in love. We should celebrate the love of families and friends; we should rejoice in the love found in the communities to which we belong. The love of creation and the extraordinary world we live in should be loved and appreciated every day of the year. And most of all...we should be ecstatic at the love that God has for us—a love that is shown to us in a myriad of ways.

Our world, our country, our lives and our relationships with one another need this kind of love that Paul speaks of—the kind of love that Jesus taught and lived out daily in his life. We need love that is not arrogant, indecent, or self-absorbed; we need love that isn't easily upset, we need love that doesn't take sides because it sees the love of God working in everything.

We need love that doesn't celebrate injustice—we need love that knows the definitions of justice and injustice...explained by Jesus in the

Gospels. We need love surrounding us and embracing us, we need acts of love daily now more than ever before. So, regardless if you celebrate

Valentine's Day or not...celebrate the LOVE in the world. Don't focus on all the hatred among us being acted out...celebrate the love you give and receive, live love in your life and BE LOVE...love that trusts, hopes and endures!

Sending much love to you!

Pastor Ginny

NOTE: Pastor Ginny will be away on a personal retreat **Tuesday, February 9th through Friday, February 12th.** Rev. Russ Campbell from Zion's will be available for any pastoral care emergencies and he can be reached at 610-737-2634.

ST. PETER'S BUILDING FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT

The 2020 year-end account balance was **\$66,500.00.**

2020 Profit Summary:	
Kitchen Krew Fund Raisers [apple dumplings, filling, pizza kits, etc.]	\$12,460
Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars	\$1,672
Breakfast Fund Raiser	\$853
Old Fashion Picnic	\$0
Lunch Fund Raiser @ West Penn Park	\$0

2020 proved difficult to hold fund raisers for the Building Fund account. Gratitude to the Kitchen Krew for holding pizza kit and bologna sales. We appreciate all of you who continue to support these fund raising efforts. We appreciate the generosity of the members directing their Thrivent Choice Dollars throughout the year to the Building Fund account. Happy New Year to all!

Thanks to all who continue to support the fund-raising efforts at St. Peter's.



CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting on January 17th ~~~

The Board is hoping to return to in-person church services beginning with the Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 PM on February 17th. The Board will meet again on Sunday, January 31st to make that determination. It was also noted that in-person mid-week Lenten services will not be held but virtual mid-week services will be Offered.

The Nominating Committee reported that Daniel Algard was nominated for a 2 year term to the Board, and Denise Moyer to a 1 year term. Thank you to outgoing members Susan Hunsicker and Tyler Foster for their service to the Board.

The 2021 budget was approved with corrections by the Board. The 2021 Budget will be included in the newsletter for preview by the congregation and will be voted on at the Annual Congregational meeting at a future date to be determined.

Michael Kistler (treasurer) and Jackie McCandless (financial secretary) stated that the end-of-year statements will be mailed shortly.

Pastor stated that Pastor Bruce Potteiger will share the good news about *Food for the Poor* on Sunday, January 24th. Brochures will be placed in the February Newsletter. She also stated that she is planning on organizing an Outreach Committee this year.

The next meeting of the Church Board will take place on Sunday, February 21st.



Meetings are held the third Sunday of every month unless otherwise noted.

The February Cornerstone Newsletter is sponsored anonymously in honor of the birthday of Dave Hontz who will be 90 years young on February 22nd.

Happy Birthday Dave!



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
March Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, February 9th.**

***Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil
- it has no point.***

**ALL IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES, ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**THE CHURCH BOARD WILL MEET AGAIN ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 31st AND WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO
WHEN, AND IF, SERVICES CAN CONTINUE BASED ON THE
CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES.**

**YOU CAN VIEW OUR VIRTUAL SERVICES ON OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE AT
'ST PETERS CHURCH OF WEST PENN'
OR
CLICK ON THE FACEBOOK LINK AT
'STPETERSCHURCHWESTPENN.COM'**

**DUE TO COVID-19 GUIDELINES
MASKS & SOCIAL-DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED
IF ENTERING THE BUILDING**

**ENTRANCES SHOULD NOT BE USED ON SUNDAYS
FOR ANY REASON**

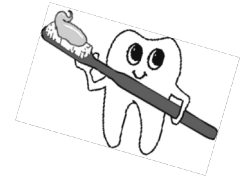
**EXCEPT BY THOSE INDIVIDUALS PREPARING FOR
WORSHIP**

**The Church Board appreciates your prayers, support and patience
as we continue to review the procedures and make adjustments 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
preschool



Love Bugs!
By: Barbara Nametko



February will bring lots of fun and crafts for Preschool! We will start our month off with talking about that silly Groundhog.

Each Preschooler will get to pick if they want an early spring or six more weeks of winter! I am routing for an early spring!

We will also be making a fun groundhog craft and having a special Groundhogs day snack! After Groundhog's day, preschool will be getting ready for Valentine's Day! We will be making some cute name love bugs, along with lots of heart crafts. Our Valentine's Day parties will include some delicious snacks along with our Valentine card exchange.

Along with these fun celebrations, preschool will also be talking about dental hygiene. We will be painting with toothbrushes and making a cool mouth craft with paper plates and mini marshmallows.

We will be focusing on the letters, O, P, and Q. The number 7, heart shape and the colors, gray and pink.

St. Peter's Church,

We want to thank you for the Thanksgiving meal. We do appreciate it very much and it was a surprise to see Karen, as usual, doing her deliveries.

So, God Bless you all and thanks again.

Sincerely,
Victoria Burkhardt
Donna Araujo

**Thank
You!**

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Peter's is once again planning to host a Blood Drive on ***Sunday, February 28th from 8:00am ~ 1:00pm.*** Sign up is available on our Facebook page, through the Keystone-Miller website, or you can contact Shawn Tonkin at (484) 464-7081.

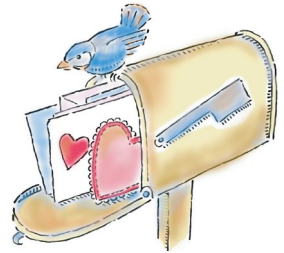




CONGRATULATIONS
to
Josh and Nicole Hunsicker

who welcomed a Son, Tate Michael
Born Friday, December 4, 2020

CARD SHOWER



Please remember all those on our visitation list and those who are 'staying home' by sending cards and words of encouragement during this time. Someone we know who would appreciate cards and letters is:

Wilbur Eberts, Gracedale Nursing Home, 2 Gracedale Avenue, Tower 8,
Room D2, Nazareth PA 18064

Dear family and friends of St. Peters,

Your good wishes prayers and support have been the wind beneath our wings.

Jan and I learned this afternoon that, for today, I am "cancer free". Sure there will be monitoring for any possible recurrence. But the remarkable gift we received today was unimaginable two weeks ago.

We are so blessed to have the supported Faith that has made it possible. The Good Lord must have more for us to do!



Faithfully, Slate and Jan

Tomorrow is never promised. . . .

Today, love a little deeper, kiss a little longer, laugh a little louder and hold the ones you love a little tighter.

~unknown

Say a Prayer for:

Loved Ones of
Doris Schroding

Loved Ones of
Dale Roth

Jean Snyder
Carl Gerber
Doris Wolfe
Arnold Miller
Linda Dunbar
Matthew Fox
Dan Myers
Bonnie Myers
Paul David
Matt Brickler, Sr.
Ronald Yuricheck
Jessica Nehm
Chrissy Beshock
Joni Pavlock
Allison Steigerwalt
Patty Bouman
Daniel Troxell
Slate Altenberg
Aiden Kreimendahl
Wilbur Eberts
Cathy Abrachinsky
Jeffrey Kistler, Sr.
Joe Mock
Rose Pitts
Suzie Brickler
Pam Hunsicker
Mary Fritz
Willard Dunbar
Mike & Bernice Delp
Chester Snyder
Lori Ruch
Jim Beers
Barbara Margiotta
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
Ronald Ziegler
Louise Billman
Tony Masor
Sherry Walz
Damian Birchess
Shari Yediny
Richard Kistler
Brian Abrachinsky
Renee Troutman
Darlene Kunkel
Erla Biasi
June Kalusky
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*



Our sympathies go to the family and friends of

Doris Schroding

who passed into eternal life on

January 1, 2021

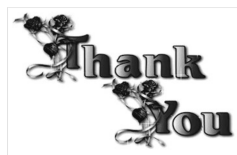
Please remember this family in your prayers.

Dear St. Peter's

Bethany Children's Home thanks you for your gift of \$279.50 to Our Wider Church Mission through the Pennsylvania Northeast Conference.

Thank you for helping our youth heal from the past, live in the present, and dream for the future! We provide each youth the opportunity to receive educational/enrichment, music therapy, arts and recreation, therapeutic services and caring.

***Thank you!
Carolyn Shultz/Spano
Director of Development***



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