

**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 10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM

Thursdays from 8:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Friday ~ OFF; Saturday ~ SABBATH DAY

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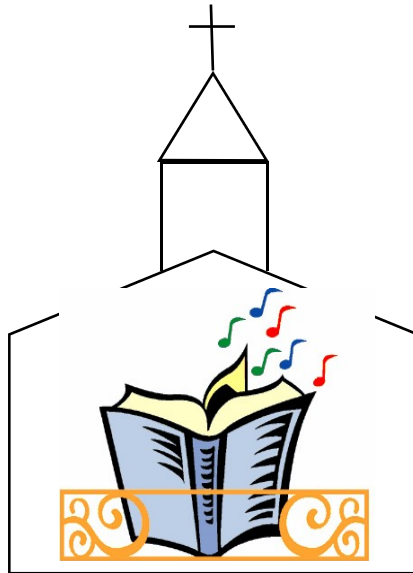
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# St. Peter's Church West Penn



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."*

*“Holiness is not what you do, but what you allow to be done to you by the circumstances of your life.” (Richard Rohr)*



What does “going deeper” in our spiritual life or in our relationship with God really mean? Do we have to experience some profound, dramatic or extraordinary revelation? Is it spending time alone in prayer with God, reading the Bible, visiting a sacred place or attending Sunday worship? Or does “going deeper” with God just happen in the every-day ordinary circumstances of our lives?

Think about a tree—a tree is solid, steady, rooted and true to its being. A tree lives through various seasons and times. Occasionally there are some spectacular happenings, like a storm with heavy winds, lightning and hail, but usually life for a tree just flows...light, darkness, rain, sun, wind, snow—the ongoing, ordinary passing of time and seasons. The tree continues to grow, fed and nourished through its roots, true to its being and bearing fruit.

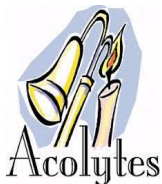
And so it is with us...life is sometimes mundane and ordinary; sometimes we experience storms and heavy winds. But as we seek God and allow ourselves to be rooted in God, we grow and expand in the very circumstances of life. This rootedness in God is sometimes hidden and we are not necessarily aware of all that happens in the dark. As we continue to “go deeper” and to seek God, we too bear fruit and become more and more true to ourselves.

The surprise may be that the most painful, difficult or unwanted circumstances of our lives may be the very ones that enable our roots to grow deeper into God and let us stand more firmly and grounded in who we are.

May we not miss these “holy moments” of life where God is right near us as we are growing. Remember the two disciples that Jesus walked with on the road to Emmaus? They were disappointed in what life had brought them—their teacher and Savior had been crucified like a common criminal and now he was gone. Their hopes had been crushed...but as they walked with Jesus and shared a meal with him—he revealed a whole new way of seeing for them. God was there but not in the way that they had expected.

And so it is with us...the way of deepening our relationship with God may not be what we had in mind or the way that we had hoped. Instead, going deeper may be about our openness to God's presence in all of the ordinary circumstances of life and saying yes with joy to whatever it is that we are offered.

*Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Ginny*



Anyone in 5th grade or higher that is interested in serving (the church and the Lord) as an acolyte, please sign-up in the church parlor or contact Pastor Ginny or the church office.

*The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.*

The Ten Commandments Are Not Multiple Choice.

God didn't create anything without purpose, but mosquitoes and lantern flies do come close!

*"Don't make me come down there." – God*

The church is a gift from God. Some assembly required.



Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely.

### **A Perfect Summer Day!**

*"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."*

*~ James Dent*



## Congratulations to Our Graduates!

It's that time of year again when we honor those who have achieved the distinction of graduating – whether it be from college, technical school, high school, or preschool. Please join with us in celebrating the accomplishments of the following young people who are part of the St. Peter's family:



*College –*



**Abigail Brickler**, daughter of Matt & Suzie Brickler, recently graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in biology and a certificate in health studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, The National Society of Leadership and Success, and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, obtained Dean's List recognition for four years, and was a recipient of the Benjamin Rush Scholarship and Dickinson Grant. Abby was a member of Dickinson's Pre-Health Program/Pre-Health Society Club and the Dickinson Science Magazine. She also worked as a Quantitative

Reasoning Associate for statistics and biology courses and served as an executive board officer for the Random Acts of Kindness Club. Abby will be taking a gap year before pursuing future schooling in physical therapy or public health.

**Andrea L. Iacoviello**, daughter of Tammy Iacoviello and the late James Iacoviello is a recent graduate of Lebanon Valley College graduating Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in Exercise Science. While at Lebanon Valley, she participated in the Physical Therapy Club. Andrea will be continuing her education at Lebanon Valley for the next 2 years working towards her Doctorate of Physical Therapy.



***Kaitlin L. O'Neill***, daughter of Thomas and Ranae O'Neill, and granddaughter of Pauline Frey, graduated from Mount Mercy University on May 16, 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She was a four year student athlete playing Women's Soccer for the Mustangs. In her junior year she was recognized as an NAIA Scholar Athlete. In her time at Mount Mercy Kaitlin served as a Student Ambassador, Vice President of the Junior Class, President of the Senior Class, and was a member of the Council of Student Athletes. Beginning in August Kaitlin will start her Master's degree in History at the University of Indianapolis.



***William J. O'Neill***, son of Thomas and Ranae O'Neill, and grandson of Pauline Frey, graduated from Upper Iowa University on May 8, 2021 with a Masters Business Administration (MBA) in General Management.



*High School –*

**Tyler Hunter Steigerwalt**, son of Trevor and Christie Steigerwalt recently graduated from Tamaqua Area High School. He was a member of Physics Club, and World Language Club. He was a member of the Tamaqua High School Varsity Soccer Team for 4 years, serving as captain his senior year. Tyler was also a 3-year member of the Tamaqua High School Track Team. He was the recipient of a Times News Athlete of the Week, Second Team All-County Soccer his sophomore year, and First Team All-Area and All-County for his Junior and senior year. Tyler was also a member of a soccer travel team for 8 years, and served as captain of that team for 4 years. He plans to attend DeSales University. Tyler enjoys hunting and fishing.



**Riley Elizabeth Zeigenfuss**, daughter of Craig and Amy Zeigenfuss, recently graduated from Tamaqua Area High School. She was a member of Student Government, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, National Language Honor Society, World Language Club and the Tamaqua High School Softball Team. Riley was the recipient of The Fisher Memorial Award and the Schuylkill Medical Society Alliance Award. She is also a member of the West Penn 4H Club. Riley plans on pursuing a course of study in Health Sciences at Lehigh County Community College, and then plans to transfer to a 4-year university to complete a degree in the medical field. Riley enjoys hunting, going to the beach and playing softball.

*Preschool –*

**Brynley Marie Kistler**, daughter of Michael and Samantha Kistler and the sister of Adalynn Kistler. She recently graduated from St. Peter's Preschool. She will be attending kindergarten at the Lehigh Area Elementary Center in the fall. While at St. Peter's Preschool, Brynley formed friendships, has learned many new things and has had a lot of fun along the way. She loves all animals, furred or feathered and is looking forward to a summer of horseback riding and visiting her chicken, Cinnamon. Thank you to Mrs. Nametko and Mrs. Houser for creating a wonderful Preschool experience for Brynley. Thank you to Ms. Elaine and Pastor Ginny for all of your visits, talks and treats.



**Zachary "Zeke" Miller**, son of Caitlyn Miller, and grandson of Terry and Lauri Miller, is a St. Peter's Preschool graduate. Zeke enjoys playing with his friends, taking care of his cat, Freya, and making inventions. Zeke plays Tamaqua Area Youth Soccer and Tee-ball. He plans on furthering his education at Tamaqua Area Elementary School majoring in Kindergarten.

We thank God for the gift of these young people to their families, to our faith community, and to the world in which they live. May all that they do today and in the future be a reflection of God's glory!

Congratulations and many prayers for success for each of you in the months and years ahead!



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

The current account balance is: \$67,000

⇒ **Mark Your Calendars Now** - a luncheon at West Penn Park. Join us on Sunday, July 25, 2021 for a 10:00 am outdoor worship service which includes the VBS closing program at the West Penn Park. Following the service, we will enjoy a luncheon fundraiser with proceeds going to the building fund. The St. Peter's Kitchen Krew will prepare the food for our fundraiser. Advanced tickets will be required for food prep.

Tickets will be sold following church services in July or you may text/call Jen at 570.778.8831. Menu details will follow.

Please bring a dessert to share.  
Looking forward to a time of fellowship together.  
Invite Your Friends and Neighbors.



### FOOD DRIVE

We are participating in a Food Drive in order to donate to the Free Church Food Pantry serving the Mahoning & West Penn communities. A table has been set up in the church parlor for your donations ~ thank you!

Bell Choir Rehearsals will begin again in the Fall, sometime after Labor Day. Anyone having an interest in learning more about, or joining the Bell Choir is welcome to come and join us! Let Carol Steigerwalt know of your interest by calling her at 570-386-4844 or email her at [harmony@ptd.net](mailto:harmony@ptd.net)



*Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across God's blue sky, is by no means a waste of time.*

*~John Lubbock, "Recreation," The Use of Life, 1894*



# Joyous Noise

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE

*June's Joyous Noise Offering totaled \$127.00 and was designated for Operation Smile. Operation Smile has provided hundreds of thousands of safe surgeries for those born with cleft lip and cleft palate. With more than three decades of expertise, Operation Smile creates solutions that deliver free surgery to people where it's needed most. As one of the largest medical volunteer-based nonprofits, Operation Smile has mobilized thousands of medical volunteers from a wide range of medical specialties from more than 80 countries. Operation Smile engages public-private partnerships to advance health care delivery, train local medical professionals to provide surgical care for patients in their communities, donate crucial medical equipment and supplies, and increase access to surgical care so that everyone living with cleft is treated.*

*As part of Rocky Railway VBS, we will be participating in an Operation Kid-to-Kid international mission project, a partnership between Group Publishing and World Vision that allows hundreds of thousands of kids in North America to provide the life changing resource of alpacas for families in Ecuador. It also helps to educate families on animal care. The Joyous Noise Offering in July will be combined with those of this summer's VBS collections. Thank you for your support!*

*August's offering will be designated for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation which is the world's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the childhood brain tumor community. They serve more than 28,000 U. S. children and teens battling brain tumors by investing in the most promising research and providing practical, informational and emotional support to families for free. Nationwide events include Ride for Kids, and Starry Night Walk to Cure Childhood Brain Tumors. This foundation is near and dear to Brooke Zellner, one of St. Peter's own, and she thanks you for your support to this worthwhile cause. The funds will be sent to the Northeast Region of the foundation.*

*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 any individual that could benefit from St. Peter's Joyous Noise Offering, please contact Suzie Hartung or Megan Frantz.*

## **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 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 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](mailto:Preschoolbarbara@gmail.com)

**Face Masks are  
Optional for  
Fully Vaccinated  
Individuals**



**Please continue to wear a mask if  
you are not fully vaccinated.**

**(You're considered fully vaccinated two weeks  
after receiving the final dose of the vaccine)**

Please be safe, cautious and respectful of others. If you are not feeling well, please refrain from entering the building.

## Church Picnic



St. Peter's

## Old Fashioned Picnic

This year's picnic will be held  
**Saturday, August 28th from 11:00am ~ 6:00pm.**  
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 [lhoboss@ptd.net](mailto:lhoboss@ptd.net).*

*WASP is accepting baskets and/or gift cards now through August 23rd 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.*

**!! AND ....If you can: PLEASE POST THE ENCLOSED FLYER !!**



# Christian Churchman's Softball League

All games played at West Penn Park

Day	Date	Time	Visitors	Home	Venue
Wed	6/23/2021	6:30 pm	BMCC (Red)	St. Peter's	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	6/23/2021	7:30 pm	St. Peter's	BMCC (Red)	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Tue	6/29/2021	6:30 pm	St. Peter's	MUSS/Zion UCC	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Tue	6/29/2021	7:30 pm	MUSS/Zion UCC	St. Peter's	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Tue	7/13/2021	6:30 pm	St. Peter's	Bethany Wesleyan	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Tue	7/13/2021	7:30 pm	Bethany Wesleyan	St. Peter's	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	7/21/2021	6:30 pm	Trinity	St. Peter's	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	7/21/2021	7:30 pm	St. Peter's	Trinity	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	7/28/2021	6:30 pm	Zion Stone (Blue)	St. Peter's	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	7/28/2021	7:30 pm	St. Peter's	Zion Stone (Blue)	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Tue	8/3/2021	6:30 pm	MUSS/Zion UCC	St. Peter's	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Tue	8/3/2021	7:30 pm	St. Peter's	MUSS/Zion UCC	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	8/11/2021	6:30 pm	Zion Stone (Blue)	St. Peter's	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	8/11/2021	7:30 pm	St. Peter's	Zion Stone (Blue)	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	8/18/2021	6:30 pm	St. Peter's	BMCC (Red)	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	8/18/2021	7:30 pm	BMCC (Red)	St. Peter's	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	8/25/2021	6:30 pm	St. Peter's	MUSS/Zion UCC	<u>West Penn Grove</u>
Wed	8/25/2021	7:30 pm	MUSS/Zion UCC	St. Peter's	<u>West Penn Grove</u>



St Peter's is home to many activities, groups, clubs, events and services which makes elevator use a must. Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope for elevator maintenance. We hope you would consider making a contribution, in addition to your regular offering, to help us defray the cost of our monthly maintenance fee which is \$200.00.

You can mail your contribution or BETTER yet, bring the envelope with you when you worship with us on Sunday. Thank you!



## CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### From Board Meeting of June 21st -

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Mike Hunsicker reported that Scott Coombe has taken care of the painting of the church parking lot lines, with no cost to the church.

The property committee is still gathering information and bids for the roof replacement.

The air conditioning unit in the secretary's office has failed and needs to be replaced, the property committee is currently accepting bids to replace with a mini-split system.

The batteries in the platform lift in the sacristy were replaced.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** An outdoor worship service, in conjunction with the VBS Closing Program, will be held on Sunday July 25th at 10:00 am at West Penn Park with a luncheon fundraiser to follow. Outdoor worship is also planned for Sunday, August 13th and Sunday, September 5th (weather permitting). Also, *The Blessing of the Animals* will be held at an outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 26th (weather permitting).

The next Church Board meeting will be held on Sunday, July 18th at 11:00 am.

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*All meetings are open for all to attend.  
(Complete copies of the minutes may be obtained from the church office.)*

## Upcoming Sunday School Events:

Sunday School will begin again in September at  
10:15 a.m., Every Sunday

**HAPPY SUMMER!**

**Adult Sunday School ~ Every Sunday at 10:15am.**

⇒ 7/19-23: Vacation Bible School; 6:00-8:30pm.

⇒ 7/25: VBS Closing Program; 10:00am at West Penn Park.

Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School Class in September. 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 or Kent Miller.

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



Many thanks to our Newsletter assembly crew: Becky Zehner, Marian Frantz, Pauline Frey, Dave Hontz and helping during our Covid shutdown ~ Pastor Ginny and Jim Koons!.

Their dedication to helping is much appreciated! If you'd like to help with this project, please let the office know ~ we'd love to have you join us!

## Confirmation Class 2021-2022

Confirmation classes will begin in September. All youth entering the 7th grade or older are eligible to join the class. A meeting with parents and students will be held on **August 23rd at 6:30 PM** to review the schedule, curriculum and requirements. Please call the church office or let Pastor Ginny know of your interest.



**The deadline for the August issue of the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, July 13th.**



# ST. PETER'S, WEST PENN VBS REGISTRATION FORM

(One per child)

**MONDAY, JULY 19th ~ FRIDAY, JULY 23rd**  
**from 6:00 ~ 8:30 PM**  
**CLOSING PROGRAM ON SUNDAY, JULY 25th**  
**10:00 AM AT WEST PENN PARK**

*(For more information, contact Michelle Bates at 570-573-1134)*

**Child's T-Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_



## THE CHURCH IS NOT A BUILDING (1 Timothy 5)

When the word “church” comes up in conversation, the first thing we think of is a building. We have this mindset that church is a place we go to on Sundays. As we get our family dressed, fight through traffic and get a good seat, it’s easy to lose sight of the fact that we aren’t just going to church; we are the church.

In 1 Timothy 5, Paul describes the church as people dedicated to doing whatever it takes to reach out and help others. We have a responsibility to serve and help others in need as the church. Caring for each other as well as those outside of the church is the quickest way to see Jesus change lives. Too often, we see a need and wait for the pastor or someone on staff to take responsibility. But that’s not the way church works.

Each of us has been given skills, abilities and opportunities to serve. In Timothy’s church, for example, the women ran a widows ministry (1 Timothy 5:16), and elders directed church affairs while others were devoted just to teaching and preaching (1 Timothy 5:17).

In the Bible, church is always a reference to people, not a place. The church is a body of believers that live out the Gospel in their words and actions. The church is at its best when people inside the building take Jesus’ message outside the building and serve those they meet.

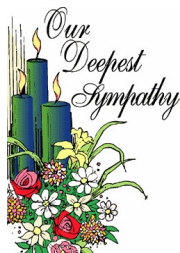
*Heavenly Father.....are You really there?  
And do You hear and answer every prayer?  
Some say that Heaven is far away....  
But I feel it close around me as I pray.  
Heavenly Father, I remember now  
Something that Jesus told disciples long ago....  
“Suffer the children to come unto me.”  
Father, in prayer I’m coming now to Thee.*



~words by Janice Kapp Perry

***Remember the past with fondness; Look to the future with eagerness; Live each moment to the fullest.***

~Unknown



Our sympathies go to the family and friends of

**Arnold R. Miller**

who passed into eternal life on June 11, 2021

Please remember this family in your prayers.

St. Peter's Church Family,

Thank you everybody for the many phone calls, cards, and letters we received. All had stories to tell of Luther fixing something for them or some kind and thoughtful thing he did for them. He loved doing for others.

We want to thank Pastor Ginny for her visits and communion. Your acts of kindness meant a lot to us.

God Bless You!  
Charlotte, Craig & Family



*St. Peter's Church Family,*

*Thank you for the many meals, visits, phone calls, cards, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*So many people have reached out to our family and we are so grateful.*

*We are so thankful that we have our church family's love and support. It will surely see us through this very rough time.*



*With Love,  
The Arnold Miller Family*

## **Say a Prayer for:**

Loved Ones of  
Franklin 'Pete' Pruett  
Loved Ones of  
Arnold Miller  
Loved Ones of  
Eddy Andrews  
Loved Ones of  
Willard Dunbar  
Loved Ones of  
Lynn Highland  
Thomas Highland  
Paul Drosnock  
Donna Laub  
Mark Abrachinsky  
Greg Blackall  
Lana Kuehner  
Franklin Mackes  
Kevin Yediny  
Lisa Donmoger  
Amanda Donohue  
Lucas Milot  
Rev. David Knoebel  
Beverly Knoebel  
Dawn Laedas  
Eldora Rex  
June Kalusky  
Travis Flannigan  
Charlie Butkus  
Cindy Price  
Joann Herring  
Mrs. Demage  
Herman Snyder  
Lucas Nelson  
Paul David  
Zayden Mabey  
Betty Breiner  
Karen Nelson  
Anna Mae Kane  
Gary Zehner  
John Kowlewski  
Tammy Kemery

Chester Snyder  
Doris Wolfe  
Matthew Fox  
Dan Myers  
Ronald Yuricheck  
Jessica Nehm  
Allison Steigerwalt  
Daniel Troxell  
Slate Altenberg  
Aiden Kreimendahl  
Jeffrey Kistler, Sr.  
Rose Pitts  
Mike & Bernice Delp  
Carol Tynan  
Kim Cope  
Lisa Serfass  
Robert Coombe  
Danika Tworkowsky  
Walter Szymanski  
Ben Fink  
Sarah 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  
Sharon Roth  
McCoy Rapa  
Donna Roderick

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

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

Buddy Arner, Jr.  
Arlene Breiner  
Lynn Gerber  
Rev. David Knoebel  
Eldora Rex  
Velma Schaeffer  
June Williams  
Glenn Wehr  
Doris Wolfe

## **Our Military Overseas:**

Deployed to Afghanistan:  
Michael Zeigenfuss  
Deployed to Japan:  
John McGuire  
Deployed to Kuwait:  
Issac Acuna

## **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*

**An Independence Day Prayer**

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that you provided for us through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this, I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May we always remember that a very high price was paid for our freedom. Our freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for our freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Dear Father, we are so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, we are grateful. Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America. Help us never to take these blessings for granted.

Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ. In your name, we pray, Amen.

## Daily Lectionary Readings for July 2021

**Thursday, July 1, 2021:** Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13  
**Friday, July 2, 2021:** Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 3:1-12; 2 Corinthians 10:7-11  
**Saturday, July 3, 2021:** Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 3:31-38; Matthew 8:18-22  
**Sunday, July 4, 2021:** Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 5: 1-5; 9-10; Mark 6: 1-13  
**Monday, July 5, 2021:** Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33  
**Tuesday, July 6, 2021:** Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:11-16; James 5:7-12  
**Wednesday, July 7, 2021:** Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:17-25; John 7:1-9  
**Thursday, July 8, 2021:** Psalm 24; Exodus 25:10-22; Colossians 2:1-5  
**Friday, July 9, 2021:** Psalm 24; Exodus 37:1-16; Colossians 4:2-18  
**Saturday, July 10, 2021:** Psalm 24; Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 1:57-80  
**Sunday, July 11, 2021:** Psalm 24; 2 Samuel 6: 1-5; Mark 6: 14-29  
**Monday, July 12, 2021:** Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 6:6-12a; Acts 21:27-39  
**Tuesday, July 13, 2021:** Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 3:12-16; Acts 23:12-35  
**Wednesday, July 14, 2021:** Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 6:16-23; Luke 7:31-35  
**Thursday, July 15, 2021:** Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 11:15-19; Colossians 1:15-23  
**Friday, July 16, 2021:** Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 14:1-2; Acts 17:16-31  
**Saturday, July 17, 2021:** Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 15:1-2, 16:4-13; Luke 18:35-43  
**Sunday, July 18, 2021:** Psalm 23; 2 Samuel 7: 1-14; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56  
**Monday, July 19, 2021:** Psalm 61; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Hebrews 13:17-25  
**Tuesday, July 20, 2021:** Psalm 61; 2 Samuel 8:1-18; Acts 20:17-38  
**Wednesday, July 21, 2021:** Psalm 61; 2 Samuel 9:1-13; Luke 15:1-7  
**Thursday, July 22, 2021:** Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 10:1-5; Colossians 1:9-14  
**Friday, July 23, 2021:** Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 10:6-12; Colossians 3:12-17  
**Saturday, July 24, 2021:** Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 10:13-19; John 4:31-38  
**Sunday, July 25, 2021:** Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 11:1-15; John 6: 1-21  
**Monday, July 26, 2021:** Psalm 37:12-22; 2 Samuel 11:14-21; Philippians 4:10-20  
**Tuesday, July 27, 2021:** Psalm 37:12-22; 2 Samuel 11:22-27; Romans 15:22-33  
**Wednesday, July 28, 2021:** Psalm 37:12-22; 2 Chronicles 9:29-31; Mark 6:35-44  
**Thursday, July 29, 2021:** Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 32:19-26a; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22  
**Friday, July 30, 2021:** Psalm 51:1-12; Joshua 23:1-16; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34  
**Saturday, July 31, 2021:** Psalm 51:1-12; Judges 6:1-10; Matthew 16:5-12

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