

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

(Contact for emergencies only, please. If you have a prayer request, please email)

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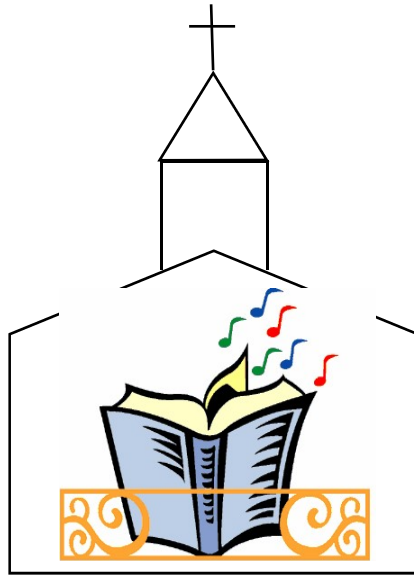
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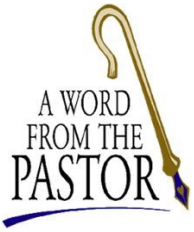


where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

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.”



“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.”

—Colossians 3:2

Most people are more familiar with secular holidays than with the holy days on the church calendar. Do you know the dates for Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, and Independence Day? Do you know on which Sundays Mother’s Day and Father’s Day fall each year? How about the Mondays during the year on which Memorial Day and Labor Day take place? Are you rattling them off in your head as you are reading this?

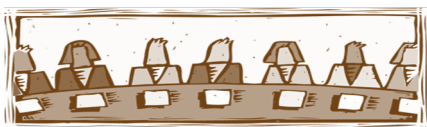
Now, how about a quiz on the church holy days? Do you know when Epiphany takes place? How about Ascension Day, Trinity Sunday, Reformation Day and Pentecost? Do you know what months of the church year we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus and Christ the King Sunday? Do you know the meanings behind these church holy days? Secular and national holidays already overshadow Christian holy days. The way that Christmas and Easter have been taken hostage by the secular world is a perfect example.

The secular world and its holidays are a celebration of God in our lives and in creation. The Christian holy days are a celebration of God speaking to us and marking our secular calendars with faith and trust and all that God has done and continues to do in our lives. As important as it is to honor and celebrate love, mothers, fathers, veterans, our country, our work, and the many other things we celebrate...it is most important to honor the God from whom all these have come.

Enjoy and celebrate the holidays of the year! But when you come to church, learn more about the holy days on the Christian calendar and do not let the secular world overshadow the spiritual world. God is ignored enough in the world...the least we can do as Christians is keep God front and center in our time of worship!

Amen and Thanks Be to God!

*Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Ginny*



CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From Board Meeting of May 16th- -

The security cameras for all outside entrances will be installed soon. If arriving late to Sunday services, please have patience for someone to arrive at the door in order to gain entrance.

Time during the Sunday, June 13th worship service will be set aside to honor our graduates. An outdoor service is scheduled at 9:00 AM for Father's Day, Sunday, June 20th (weather permitting). A sign-up sheet for acolytes will be available in the church parlor.

It is hoped that Vacation Bible School can be held this Summer, but someone is needed to coordinate the activities. Please contact Curt Hartung if you can help. Outdoor worship will be held on Sunday, July 25th at West Penn park, with a luncheon fundraiser to follow.

The Anniversary Committee is continuing to make plans for our 175th/177th kick-off banquet in the Spring of 2022.

The Board plans to hold a 'meat raffle' with numerous prizes consisting of a griddle, meat packages, etc. Tickets will be available shortly and can be purchased through any board member, in the church parlor or at the church office.

The next Church Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 21st at 6:00 PM.

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*(Complete copies of the minutes may be obtained from the church office.)*

Pastor Ginny will not be available and will be attending an ongoing continuing education course from Wednesday, June 9th-Friday, June 11th. Pastoral care emergencies will be covered by Pastor Russ Campbell of Zion's Stone. He can be reached at 610-737-2634. Pastor Ginny will also be off on Sunday, June 27th. Rev. Carolyn Albright will be our worship leader. Pastor Kent Rhodehamel from Ben Salem will cover emergencies that day. He can be reached at 781-724-4156.



## 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 in August to review the schedule, curriculum and requirements. Please call the church office or let Pastor Ginny know of your interest.



## Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

*May's Joyous Noise Offering totaled \$198.40 and was designated for the Multiple Sclerosis Virtual Walk that was held on Saturday, May 1, 2021.*

*Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School and may be mailed to the church office.*

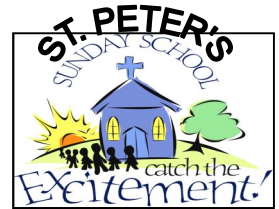
*If you know of an organization or individual that could benefit from St. Peter's Joyous Noise Offering, please contact Suzie Hartung, Megan Frantz Pastor Ginny or the church office.*

## Upcoming Sunday School Events:

Sunday School will begin again in September at

10:15 a.m., Every Sunday

**HAPPY SUMMER!**



Summer Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

⇒ 6/21—Happy Father's Day!!

⇒ St. Peter's routinely holds vacation bible school the third week in July. We are searching for volunteers to organize and coordinate vacation bible school this year. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for the children of St. Peter's. Contact Curt Hartung for details.

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

## Graduating Senior Recognition

We are planning our annual tradition at St. Peter's by recognizing the achievements of our graduating seniors on Sunday, June 13th.

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. If you or someone you know will be graduating this spring, please notify the church office immediately. All information is due on June 1st.

And, we hope the entire congregation will join in our worship celebration of these incredible young people with whom God has gifted us.



### **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.

**Classes are filling up** ~ if interested, please call the church at 386-4388 as soon as possible and we will put you in touch with Mrs. Nametko OR email her: [Preschoolbarbara@gmail.com](mailto:Preschoolbarbara@gmail.com)



We're having a card shower to help celebrate Rev. David H. Knoebel's 60th anniversary in the ministry. He was ordained on June 18, 1961. From 1985 until his retirement in 1998, he was pastor of the Mahoning Charge of the United Church of Christ which consisted of Zion's Stone Church, Snyders, St. Peter's, Mantzville, and St. John's, New Mahoning. Cards can be addressed to: Rev. David H. Knoebel, St. Luke's Miner's Hospital, 360 Ruddle Street. 5th Floor, Coaldale PA 18218.

*The June Newsletter is sponsored in honor of Rev. David Knoebel's 60th ordination anniversary on June 18th, and Rev. David and Beverly Knoebel's 60th wedding anniversary on June 24th.*



HOPE  
Love  
JOY  
Peace  
FAITH

Love makes our friends a little dearer.  
Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.  
Faith makes our paths a little clearer.  
Hope makes our lives a little brighter.  
Peace brings us all a little nearer.

~ Author unknown

### Called to Care Committee Update

The people on our visitation list need more loving, caring volunteers to visit them. If you are interested in serving God by serving God's people and blessing them with your presence, please contact Pastor Ginny or a member of the committee. You are guaranteed to be blessed in return by these sacred interactions with others.

### 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





**Recently Baptized**

**Tate Michael Hunsicker**

**Born Friday, December 4, 2020**

**Baptized Sunday, May 9, 2021**

**Tate Michael is the son of**

**Josh and Nicole (Mateyak) Hunsicker**

**Godson of Mitchell Miller and Zach Hunsicker**

**Brother of Mason Charles Hunsicker**

**God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... DAD.**

**Happy  
Father's  
Day**

Author Unknown

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

**Lauren Purdom**

**&**

**Scott Zellner**

**United in Marriage on  
Saturday, May 29, 2021**



*We welcome new members:  
Larue and David Fink to St. Peter's.  
If you see them at church, please welcome them and  
make them feel at home!*



**Memorial Butterfly Release  
Thursday, June 24th at 5:30 PM**

Butterflies represent hope, new life, peace, and  
a connection to nature.

This event is open to the public

Join us at E.F. Griffiths Funeral Home  
655 East Broad Street, Tamaqua PA.

You need not be affiliated  
with the funeral home.



If you plan to attend and would like to release a butterfly in memory of your loved one, please contact the funeral home by **June 11th** at 570-668-2550 weekdays between the hours of 9:00 am-4:00 pm to sign up.

*“Prayer doesn't just change things - it changes us. If we are diligent in seeking God, slowly and surely we become better people. “*

~Joyce Meyer

**The deadline for the July/August issue of  
the “*Cornerstone*” is Friday, June 8th.  
Remember ~ this is a **DOUBLE ISSUE****



## *Each Day Is A Gift From God*

*View each day as a precious gift,  
To you from God above.  
To Him, each thoughtful deed you do,  
Is an expression of your love.  
And, as you travel down your path,  
Know that He's at your side.  
As a constant source of comfort,  
And an understanding guide.*

*His love for you is infinite,  
And his mercy never fails.  
For you He was the sacrifice,  
Hung on a cross by nails.  
So, put Him first in all you do,  
And your life will be blessed.  
With the strength and confidence,  
To do your very best!*

## **Say a Prayer for:**

Loved Ones of  
Robert Oswald  
Loved Ones of  
Jean Snyder  
Loved Ones of  
Luther Solt  
Loved Ones of  
Carol Faust  
Lorraine Coombe  
Dolores Blöse  
Greg Blackall  
Lana Kuehner  
Franklin Mackes  
Kevin Yediny  
Lisa Donmoger  
Amanda Donohue  
Lucas Milot  
Rev. David Knoebel  
Beverly Knoebel  
Dawn Laedas  
Arnold Miller  
Eldora Rex  
June Kalusky  
Travis Flannigan  
Charlie Butkus  
Cindy Price  
Joann Herring  
Mrs. Demage  
Maisie Schock  
Franklin 'Pete' Pruett  
Herman Snyder  
Lucas Nelson  
Paul David  
Zayden Mabey  
Shirley Frantz  
Betty Breiner  
Karen Nelson  
Anna Mae Kane  
Gary Zehner  
John Kowlewski  
Tammy Kemery  
Glenn Wehr  
Lori Ruch  
Chester Snyder  
Doris Wolfe  
Matthew Fox

Dan Myers  
Ronald Yuricheck  
Jessica Nehm  
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  
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  
Robert Miller  
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*

Our sympathies go to the families and friends of St. Peter's members:

**Jean A. Snyder**

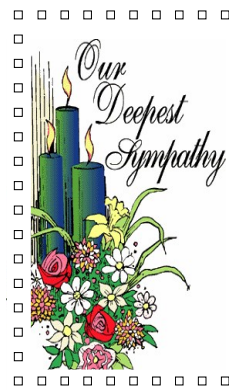
who passed into eternal life on  
May 1, 2021

**Carol A. Faust**

who passed into eternal life on  
May 3, 2021

**Luther F. Solt**

who passed into eternal life on  
May 6, 2021



Please remember these families in your prayers.

*Dear St. Peter's Family,*

*Thank you for all the flowers, food, prayers, cards and all the expressions of love shown to us at the passing of Jean.*

*It was such a blessing to see all the people she touched in her life.*

*Love,*

*Chester, Cathy, Charlene, Cheryl & Family*



## Daily Lectionary Readings for June 2021

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021:** Psalm 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021:** Psalm 20; Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25

**Thursday, June 3, 2021:**Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 4:1-22; 1 Peter 4:7-19

**Friday, June 4, 2021:**Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 5:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

**Saturday, June 5, 2021:**Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 6:1-18; Luke 8:4-15

**Sunday, June 6, 2021:** **Proper 5 (10)**

**Monday, June 7, 2021:**Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 7:3-15; Revelation 20:1-6

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021:**Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Revelation 20:7-15

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021:**Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 9:1-14; Luke 11:14-28

**Thursday, June 10, 2021:**Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 9:15-27; Hebrews 2:5-9

**Friday, June 11, 2021:**Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 10:1-8; Hebrews 11:4-7

**Saturday, June 12, 2021:**Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 13:1-15a; Mark 4:1-20

**Sunday, June 13, 2021:** **Proper 6 (11)**

**Monday, June 14, 2021:** Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 13:23-14:23; Galatians 6:11-18

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021:**Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:10-23; Revelation 21:22-22:5

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021:**Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:24-31; Luke 6:43-45

**Thursday, June 17, 2021:**Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Acts 20:1-16

**Friday, June 18, 2021:**Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Acts 21:1-16

**Saturday, June 19, 2021:**Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 18:1-4; Luke 21:25-28

**Sunday, June 20, 2021:** **Proper 7 (12)**

**Monday, June 21, 2021:**Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 18:6-30; Acts 27:13-38

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021:**Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:1-7; Acts 27:39-44

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021:**Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:8-17; Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday, June 24, 2021:**Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 19:18-24; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

**Friday, June 25, 2021:**Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:1-25; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

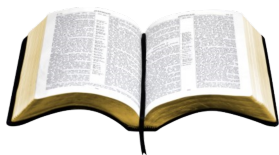
**Saturday, June 26, 2021:**Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:27-42; Luke 4:31-37

**Sunday, June 27, 2021:** **Proper 8 (13)**

**Monday, June 28, 2021:**Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Samuel 23:14-18; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

**Tuesday, June 29, 2021:**Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Samuel 31:1-13; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5

**Wednesday, June 30, 2021:**Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Chronicles 10:1-14; Mark 9:14-29



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

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