



St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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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 Ginny will be on vacation from June 8th through June 12th.

Please contact Pastor Russ Campbell @ 610-737-2634 for any pastoral needs or contact Denise Moyer, Board President @ 484-695-1887 for general concerns.

Contact for our TLC Committee for Your Special Needs:

Please call Pastor Heimer OR the Church Office

Director of Music: Carol Steigerwalt

Sexton: Lou Ann Algard

Financial Secretary: Jacqueline McCandless

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Friday 10:00 AM~2:00 PM

NOTE: The church office will be closed on June 14th

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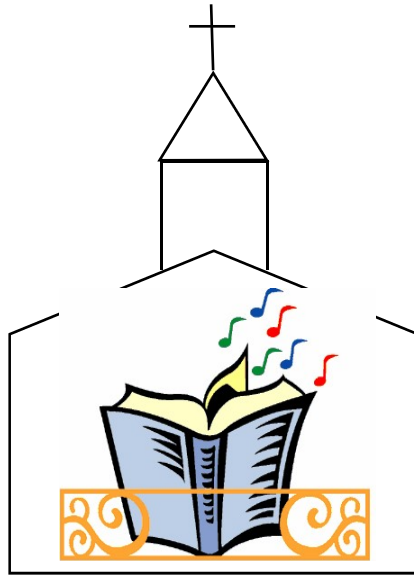
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St. Peter's Church West Penn



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.”



“We've passed through fire and flood, yet in the end you always bring us out better than we were before, saturated with your goodness.”

~Psalm 66:12b (The Passion Translation)

When we are going through difficult and painful situations, we may not know what to do or how to handle all the strong emotions coming at us that feel like a tidal wave. We might even feel like we are going under and that we will drown in our sorrow and pain. We pray to God to help us, to give us guidance about what to do next. But God doesn't always give us the answers we are looking for. And maybe it's not about answers at all or solutions to our troubles. Maybe it's about questions...questions to ask ourselves:

- What is God asking of me in this situation?
- How can I draw closer to God during these struggles?
- Even though God is not answering my prayers the way I want them answered, can I see where and how God IS working in me?
- How can this situation, this event, this pain I am experiencing help my faith to grow stronger?

God doesn't cause our pain or struggles but God does use them to draw us closer to Him. God rescues us in ways we cannot know or predict and although we might feel that God is far away, He is not. God is with us right in the center of our pain and sorrow, alongside of us in our happiness and joy, God is IN everything and is everywhere. It's up to each of us to see and hear, to discover and experience how close God really is!

May grace come to you in unexpected ways. May God enlarge the space in your heart. May you embrace your troubles and see them as an invitation to be more present to God and with God. May you trust God with all your heart and know that He will bring you peace and bring you out better than you were before...saturated with God's grace, love and goodness.

Peace and Blessing,
Pastor Ginny

June Serving Schedule

Head Usher - Chris Miller

Ushers - Laurie Seip, Mike Hunsicker, Michael Kistler

June 5-
(red)

Lector: Michael Kistler
Bell Ringer: Chase Moyer
Sound System: Mark Eberts
Videographer: Justin Imbody

June 12-
(green)

Lector: Lori Hoppes
Bell Ringer: Kenton Foster
Angel Ushers: Adalyn & Brynley Kistler,
Mason Hunsicker and Kenton Foster
Sound System: Eric Schock
Videographer: Justin Imbody

June 19-
(green)

Lector: Terry Wehr
Bell Ringer: Kendal Nevenglosky
Sound System: Blaine Seip
Videographer: Justin Imbody

June 26-
(green)

Lector: Lyma Dunbar
Bell Ringer: TJ Hartman
Sound System: Anthony Thomas
Videographer: Justin Imbody

THANK YOU!

Sherry and John Nakata donated a much needed wheelchair to the church. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

“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



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

May's Joyous Noise offering totaled \$ 216.49 and was designated for The Multiple Sclerosis Society. People with MS need us now more than ever. Donations may be made at anytime payable to The Multiple Sclerosis Society. We will gladly forward these to Matt Brickler. Thank you for your support!

The June Joyous Noise Collection will be for Turn To Us Inc. The mission of Turn To Us is to advocate for individuals and their families who are living with autism or cancer by offering personalized assistance and connection to available resources in a compassionate and hopeful environment. We feel no one deserves to fall through the cracks. When someone is overwhelmed with a diagnosis and thinks, "I don't know where to turn for help," we want them to turn to us.

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 Samantha Kistler, Nicole Hunsicker, 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!!
- ⇒ 6/24,25-Old Fashioned Picnic (see article)
- ⇒ 7/18-22-Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:30PM (see registration form in this newsletter or on our website)

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

Helping Hands Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who donated to our nursing home ministry throughout the month of April. We were able to fill six large boxes and a few smaller boxes that were donated to the following facilities: Mahoning Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, St. Luke's Coaldale (Fifth Floor), The Palmerton, Maple Shade, Heritage Hills and Scenic View Personal Care. The boxes were filled with various trinkets for bingo prizes, toiletry items, snacks, candy, socks and puzzle books. Each place was extremely grateful for these donations. We are doing God's work and taking care of our neighbors! Thank you, again, to all of your helping hands!

ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

The current account balance is \$89,000

The **Kitchen Krew** have been busy as beavers. They held the annual Easter filling sale, they coordinated pizza, bologna, and Anita's dip sales.

Numerous hours are being dedicated to preparing and serving the three dinners during the Dinner Theater weekend and preparations are in the works for the picnic.

During the months of March and April, **Thrivent Financial** grant payments totaling **\$3,143.00** were directly deposited into our account.

With the above-mentioned happenings, the building fund account increased by **\$5,600.00**. Thanks to all for your continuous support!

Pastor's Vacation Time

Pastor Ginny will not be available and will be away on vacation from Wednesday, June 8th-Sunday, June 12th. Pastoral care emergencies will be covered by Pastor Russ Campbell of Zion's Stone. He can be reached at 610-737-2634. Rev. Tom Albright will be our worship leader on June 12th. Pastor will also be away from Monday, June 27th—Friday, July 1st, with some other pastors for a learning opportunity and some rest. Pastor Russ will be covering for emergencies.

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





Graduation Recognition

We are planning our annual tradition at St. Peter's by recognizing the achievements of our graduates on *Sunday, June 26th*.

During morning worship on that day, there will be a time to honor our graduates 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, please notify the church office ASAP (by mail or email). Information to include: Name, Parent(s)/Guardian(s), School, Degree, Recognitions, Clubs/Activities/Hobbies & future plans and a photo. All information is due on June 12th. We are also seeking graduates to participate in the worship service. Let us know of your interest.

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



Join Us for a Memorial Butterfly Release!

When: Thursday June 23, 2022

Time: 5:30 P.M

*Where: E. Franklin Griffiths Funeral Home
655 East Broad Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252*

Sign Up: Call 570-668-2550 by June 10, 2021

Weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M

Butterflies represent hope, new life, peace, and a connection to nature. This event is open to the public; you need not be affiliated with the funeral home to sign up to release a butterfly in memory of loved ones or to attend.

The deadline for the July/August issue of the "Cornerstone" is Friday, June 14th. Remember ~ this is a **DOUBLE ISSUE**



Recently Baptized

Kinsley Mae Belanchik

Born Thursday, January 27, 2022

Baptized Sunday, May 1, 2022

**Kinsley Mae is the daughter of
Kyle and Shelly (Rex) Belanchik**

Sister of Jaxson Marc Belanchick

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**Gunner Lee Lenhart**

**Born Saturday, January 15, 2022**

**Baptized Sunday, May 8, 2022**

**Gunner Lee is the son of**

**Shawn and Jaime (Nace) Lenhart**

**Brother of Emma Ann Lenhart**

*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





## 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 [lhopboss@ptd.net](mailto:lhopboss@ptd.net).*

*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.*



We are in need of individual snacks for our Children's Baggies. NO lollipops are needed! Goldfish, crackers, cookies, etc. would be most welcomed. Thank you!!



# Registration Form

(One per child)  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

**Say a Prayer for:**

Matt Brickler  
Kyle Gerber  
Wendy Kunkel  
Benjamin Harris  
Bruce Miller  
Tiven Steigerwalt  
Alexis Scott  
Betty Breiner  
Betty Clark  
Chuck Oliver  
Darryl Moyer  
Debbie Peipher  
Carol Steigerwalt  
Dan Algard  
David Fink  
Anne Scott  
Michael Babinchak  
Glenn Rarick  
Rose Bear  
Dan Myers  
Tory Graver  
Pete Fisher  
Sherry Seip  
Maggie Wehr  
Robert Kistler, Jr.  
Dave Warner  
Nancy Domanski  
Rosanne Abrachinsky  
Matthew J. Wentz  
Melinda Frey  
Linda Agosti  
Walter Szymanski  
Logan Pribila  
Bruce Wolfe  
Lori Fairchild  
Franklin Mackes  
Slayton Altenburg  
Lamar Gerber  
Melissa Haydt  
Thomas Miller  
Carol Barron  
Keith Bitler

MaryAnne Mitrising  
Chris Conway  
Thomas Highland  
Mark Abrachinsky  
Greg Blackall  
Lana Kuehner  
Amanda Donohue  
Lucas Milot  
Travis Flannigan  
Lucas Nelson  
Paul David  
Zayden Mabey  
Gary Zehner  
John Kowlewski  
Matthew Fox  
Jessica Nehm  
Allison Steigerwalt  
Aiden Kreimendahl  
Mike & Bernice Delp  
Carol Tynan  
Lisa Serfass  
Danika Tworowsky  
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  
Amy 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:**

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

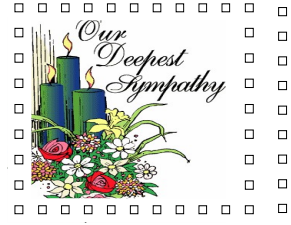
*Antonio Lorenzo  
Dominic Lorenzo  
Amanda Miller  
Lisa Miller  
Austin Resch  
Tyler Resch  
Trevor Schilling  
Andy Snyder  
Chad Wehr  
Mark West  
Scott West*

Our sympathies go to the families and friends of

**Albert G. Miller**

who passed into eternal life on  
April 25, 2022

Please remember this family in your prayers.



*Dear Friends of St. Peter's -*

*Your sympathy and compassion during our Mother Eldora Rex's passing in March is so appreciated. Thank you for the concern expressed during her last days at Heritage Hill and the cards, flowers, prayers, and condolences when Mom died.*

*Charlene Miller & Dennis Rex and families*



*To our Church Family,*

*We extend our deepest thanks to you for your kindness during the unexpected passing of our Husband/Dad Albert Miller.*

*The immediate neighborhood help on the morning of Apr 25, the visits and phone calls, the flowers and food, the cakes and cards, the prayers and texts, the Facebook messages and songs, the genuine outpour of friendship, support, and memorial gifts during Albert's funeral -- All of these things help us feel a sense of peace during our sadness.*

*We appreciate all of you at St. Peter's more than words can express, and it will always be remembered.*

*With love - Charlene, Allen & Jen and families*



## Daily Lectionary Readings for June 2022

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022:** Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27  
**Thursday, June 2, 2022:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25  
**Friday, June 3, 2022:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10  
**Saturday, June 4, 2022:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17  
**Sunday, June 5, 2022:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b ; Romans 8:14-17 ; John 14:8-17, (25-27)  
**Monday, June 6, 2022:** Psalm 48; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11  
**Tuesday, June 7, 2022:** Psalm 48; Ezekiel 11:14-25; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16  
**Wednesday, June 8, 2022:** Psalm 48; Numbers 24:1-14; Luke 1:26-38  
**Thursday, June 9, 2022:** Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:13-18; Ephesians 1:17-19  
**Friday, June 10, 2022:** Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:19-26; Ephesians 4:1-6  
**Saturday, June 11, 2022:** Psalm 8; Proverbs 4:1-9; Luke 2:41-52  
**Sunday, June 12, 2022:** Psalm 8 ; Romans 5:1-5 ; John 16:12-15  
**Monday, June 13, 2022:** Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2022:** Psalm 124; Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20  
**Wednesday, June 15, 2022:** Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55  
**Thursday, June 16, 2022:**Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 56:9-12; Romans 2:17-29  
**Friday, June 17, 2022:**Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 57:1-13; Galatians 3:15-22  
**Saturday, June 18, 2022::** Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 59:1-8; Matthew 9:27-34  
**Sunday, June 19, 2022:** Psalm 42 and 43; Isaiah 65:1-9;Galatians 3:23-29  
**Monday, June 20, 2022:**Psalm 64; Job 18:1-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
**Tuesday, June 21, 2022:**Psalm 64; Job 19:1-22; Ephesians 2:11-22  
**Wednesday, June 22, 2022::** Psalm 64; Ezekiel 32:1-10; Luke 9:37-43a  
**Thursday, June 23, 2022:**Psalm 16; Leviticus 9:22-10:11; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10  
**Friday, June 24, 2022:**Psalm 16; 2 Kings 1:1-16; Galatians 4:8-20  
**Saturday, June 25, 2022:**Psalm 16; Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43; Luke 9:21-27  
**Sunday, June 26, 2022:** Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
**Monday, June 27, 2022:** Psalm 140; Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67; 1 John 2:7-11  
**Tuesday, June 28, 2022:**Psalm 140; Jeremiah 3:15-18; Ephesians 5:6-20  
**Wednesday, June 29, 2022:**Psalm 140; Jeremiah 23:16-22; Matthew 10:16-25  
**Thursday, June 30, 2022:**Psalm 66:1-9; 2 Kings 21:1-15; Romans 7:14-25



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