

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)

Contact our "Called to Care" for Your Special Needs:

Jan Altenburg: 570-386-4631

Or TLC: Olga Faust: 570-386-5275

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Church Office Phone: (570) 386-4388

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

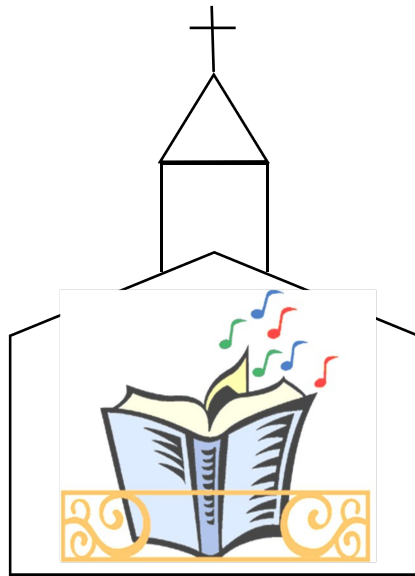
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St. Peter's Church West Penn



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.”



“Jesus said to Martha: ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.’”

~John 11:25

Our wedding anniversary is April 30th and also, this year, on the same day, it is the one-year anniversary of my mother’s death. My father died on Thanksgiving Day 2008.

Most people do not want to associate the death of a loved one with another significant life event or a holiday. The sadness of reliving the grief over the loss of that loved one can overshadow the otherwise celebratory mood of the day. I guess I just see it differently. I do not want to continue feeling that same sadness every year on Thanksgiving and on my wedding anniversary. Yes, these are the days I lost my parents, but they are also the days they entered into a brand-new life with God, and I believe that is certainly something to celebrate.

At Thanksgiving I give thanks for my blessings and one of those blessings is the gift of my father’s life and all the blessings he gave me: his love and guidance, many life lessons, and his faith in God that he passed along to me. I thank God for his new life—a life he truly believed in.

Our wedding anniversary always takes place after Easter, which on the church calendar continues to be the Easter season up until Pentecost. It is a season of resurrection and new life, a reminder of Jesus rising from the dark tomb and bringing light and life into the world. I think about my mom, breaking free of the cocoon of this life, where at the end, for her, it was a type of cocoon because she suffered from dementia. I will always remember on my wedding anniversary the day a new life with my loving husband began and starting this year, I will always, also, remember the day my mother burst out of the cocoon to find her wings as she went flying freely and joyfully to her new life with God.

Death is heartbreaking for us because we focus on our loss but for our loved ones, it is not a loss, it is a gain because they have been given what Jesus promised to all of us...new life, an abundant life of peace and joy that never ends...and that is absolutely something to celebrate!

*Many Blessings,
Pastor Ginny*



HELPING HANDS OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The “Food for the Poor” Lenten project totaled **\$1, 029.52**. Thank you to everyone who took the boxes home and brought them back with your generous donations. The committee decided to purchase a cow and a water pump that will help to support a family in

need.

The “Operation Bless You Boxes” is underway as we continue to collect tissues for Mahoning Valley Nursing Home and other local nursing homes. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of tissues. The committee will gather on **Sunday, May 23** in the Social Hall after church for a brief meeting followed by a time to work together as we apply labels of good wishes to the tissue boxes and write out note cards for the residents. Please feel free to join us!

Our next project is being discussed so stay tuned for more outreach by the Helping Hands of St. Peter’s!



CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From Board Meeting of April 18- -

Pastor Ginny will be attending a continuing education course and will not be in her office from Wednesday, April 21st through Saturday, April 24th. Pastor Russ Campbell will be the contact for emergency pastoral care. Pastor Curtis Kemmerer will be the supply pastor on Sunday, April 25th.

An outdoor service is scheduled for Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 9th (weather permitting).

Zion’s Stone Church will be hosting the Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 30th.

Mike Hunsicker gave a presentation on existing roof conditions and a price quote on its replacement. Informational meetings will be held in the near future to apprise the congregation of the Board’s findings.

The Board approved the purchase of security cameras for all outside entrances.

The next meeting of the Church Board will be held on Sunday, May 16th at 11:00 AM.

*Meetings are held the third Sunday of every month unless otherwise noted.
(Complete copies of the minutes may be obtained from the church office.)*

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 1st. 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

St. Peter's
preschool



Marching into May

by Barbara Nametko

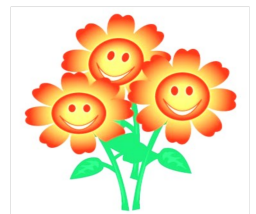
Preschool will be having an extremely exciting May! We will start our month with finishing our letters of the alphabet, reviewing our numbers up to 10 and playing lots of games to review our colors and shapes. Some of our fun crafts will include zebras, fabulous flowers, and beach pictures with sand just to name a few.

Preschool will be making a special Mother's Day craft and talking about how Mothers and Grandmothers are so incredibly special.

May will be filled with lots of outdoor activities, including nature walks, some outside painting and snack time outside!

Our month will be ending with a moving up ceremony and graduation for Preschool. We have had a fabulous, fun school year! Every preschooler has grown and matured so much. We wish our four-year old's good luck and to have lots of fun in Kindergarten! We cannot wait to see our three years old's in the fall and look forward to seeing them grow next school year!

Preschool wishes everyone a happy, fun summer and hopes everyone makes a big splash this summer!



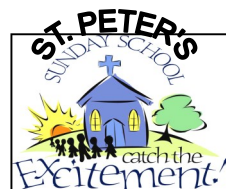
Upcoming Sunday School Events:

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

⇒ 5/9—Mother's Day

⇒ 5/30—Memorial Day Service at **Zion's Stone Church at 11:00 a.m.**

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



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

May's Joyous Noise Offering will be designated for the Multiple Sclerosis Virtual Walk to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021. More information is in the article below.

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 or Megan Frantz.

Multiple Sclerosis Virtual Walk ~ Saturday, May 1, 2021

Walk MS events are moving to a virtual experience. MS doesn't stop during this crisis, and neither will we. People with MS need us now more than ever. Please continue to contribute, however you can.

Donations may be made at anytime payable to *The Multiple Sclerosis Society*. We will gladly forward these to Matt Brickler. If you're interested in virtual walking you can register online at: https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?fr_id=31269&pg=entry

ST. PETER'S | BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

The Current Account Balance: \$67,000.00

Our ***Kitchen Krew*** held the annual Easter filling fund raiser. The filling was delicious, and we added to the building fund account. Thank you, kitchen helpers and everyone who purchased filling. We look forward to the Thanksgiving filling sale.

**The deadline for the June issue of
the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, May 11th.
The newsletter deadline is always the 2nd Tuesday of the month.**

Say a Prayer for:

Kevin Yediny
Lisa Donmoger
Luther Solt
Jean Snyder
Amanda Donohue
Lucas Milot
Rev. David Knoebel
Beverly Knoebel
Dawn Laedas
Pastor Floyd Ritz
Arnold Miller
Eldora Rex
June Kalusky
Travis Flanagan
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
Ronald Ziegler
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
Michael Hinkle
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
Carol Faust
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
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*

A Mother's Day Prayer

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if
at all possible,
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching
them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place
for them.*

*For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance,
with strength and patience and joy.
Give them ability to forgive again and again.
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You
will give her all she needs.*



St. Peter's Annual Old Fashioned Picnic

**The picnic will not be held in June
We are hoping to hold a somewhat smaller version in
the Fall ~ stay tuned for updates!**

Daily Lectionary Readings

Saturday, May 1, 2021: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32
Sunday, May 2, 2021: Psalm 22:25-31; Act 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-21
Monday, May 3, 2021: Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26
Tuesday, May 4, 2021: Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18
Wednesday, May 5, 2021: Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31
Thursday, May 6, 2021: Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34
Friday, May 7, 2021: Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43
Saturday, May 8, 2021: Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45
Sunday, May 9, 2021: Psalm 98; Acts 10: 44-48; 1 John 5:1-6
Monday, May 10, 2021: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12
Tuesday, May 11, 2021: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16
Wednesday, May 12, 2021: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20
Thursday, May 13, 2021: Psalm 47; Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-53
Friday, May 14, 2021: Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18
Saturday, May 15, 2021: Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11
Sunday, May 16, 2021: Psalm 1; Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5: 9-13
Monday, May 17, 2021: Psalm 115; Exodus 28:29-38; Philippians 1:3-11
Tuesday, May 18, 2021: Psalm 115; Numbers 8:5-22; Titus 1:1-9
Wednesday, May 19, 2021: Psalm 115; Ezra 9:5-15; John 16:16-24
Thursday, May 20, 2021: Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 2:4b-7; 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49
Friday, May 21, 2021: Psalm 33:12-22; Job 37:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57
Saturday, May 22, 2021: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 15:6-11; John 7:37-39
Sunday, May 23, 2021: Psalm 104: 24-36; Romans 8:22-27; John 15: 26-27
Monday, May 24, 2021: Psalm 104:24-34, 35; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Tuesday, May 25, 2021: Psalm 104:24-34, 35; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Wednesday, May 26, 2021: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23
Thursday, May 27, 2021: Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8
Friday, May 28, 2021: Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11
Saturday, May 29, 2021: Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27
Sunday, May 30, 2021: Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17
Monday, May 31, 2021: Psalm 113; Luke 1:39-57; Romans 12:9-16b



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

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