

St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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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."

Cliff's Notes

A common problem in the church of today is dwindling attendance. Too many folks have become comfortable not attending worship every week and thus have gotten out of the habit of pausing to worship God weekly. Thus, with the approval of the church board, we will be celebrating ***Rally Day on Sunday***,

September 8th (the first Sunday after Labor Day). This is a Sunday when I am asking every member who can possibly attend to join in worshipping God.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 8th, instead of on September 1 to emphasize our willingness in recommitting ourselves to serving God and worshipping every week. We will also be installing our Sunday School teachers during that service which reminds us of the importance of Christian Education not just for our children and youth, but also for adults.

This would also be a great Sunday to invite friends and neighbors who are not members of another congregation to join us and experience the warmth and friendship of St. Peter's. Let's begin to lift up the Light of Christ in our community so that we may be a beacon that offers God's love and grace to all. Let our light and fellowship attract others to the hope we find in Jesus.

Let's live out the promise of our denomination which states, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Most importantly, I encourage every member of the church to recommit themselves to regular worship and service in the Name of Christ. It's a promise that we should renew often.

Looking forward to seeing you on ***Sunday, September 8th*** (and every Sunday) as we worship God and Jesus Christ Our Redeemer.

Pastor Cliff



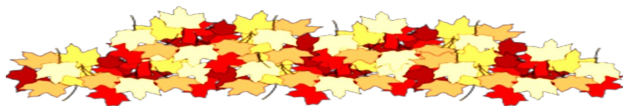
Harvest Home

Our annual Harvest Home will be celebrated ***Sunday, September 15th.*** All donations for the Harvest Home display should be brought to the Sunday worship service. If there is a need to bring earlier, please place the items in the Board (conference) room next to the choir room. All donated items should be non-perishable goods.

St Peter's will be giving the food donations to Christ Evangelical Free Church food pantry, and monetary donations would again be split between Topton and Bethany Homes.

*Days are getting shorter and the air a keener snap;
Apples now are dropping into Mother Nature's lap;
The mist at dusk is rising over valley, marsh and glen
And it's just as plain as sunshine, winter's coming on again.
The turkeys now are strutting round the old farmhouse once more;
They are done with all their nesting, and their hatching days are over;
Now the farmer's cutting fodder for the silo towering high
Ah, there's something about October and the thought of pumpkin pie....
And I just can't help believing in a God above us, when
Everything is ripe for harvest and the frost is back again.*

~adapted from Edgar Albert Guest



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, IS RALLY DAY

Every member is encouraged to attend worship on this Sunday to rededicate themselves to worship and serve God in the Spirit of Jesus. On this Sunday we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and install our Sunday School teachers and officers.



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

The Joyous Noise collection for the month of September has been designated for the family of Peter Conforti. Peter was called home by his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, July 31st. Peter was a loving husband, doting father, avid outdoorsman, and a genuine soul.

Peter dedicated his career to helping others when he became a Pennsylvania State Trooper in October 2016. When he wasn't working or in the woods, Peter was by his family's side. Peter leaves behind his high school sweetheart, Alex, their one year old son, Abram, parents, Robin and Michael, along with siblings, nephews, and many other family and friends who loved him dearly.

All donations collected will be given to Alex to assist through this difficult time.

If you have any recommendations for Joyous Noise Recipients, please contact Samantha Kistler or Nicole Hunsicker. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School and may be mailed to the church office.



Chalk Art Class

When: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Where: St. Peter's Church Social Hall

Price: \$50 (includes all supplies)

Time: The class will start at 10:00 am and end at 12:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

Reserve a seat! Payment can be made to St. Peter's Church and mailed to 184 St. Peter's Rd; Tamaqua PA 18252;
atten: Laurie Seip.

“Talk with each other much about the Lord, quoting psalms and hymns and singing sacred songs, making music in your hearts to the Lord.”

- Ephesians 5:19

Cherub Choir will start on **Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All children age 2 and up are welcome to be part of the Cherub Choir. Cherubs will sing one Sunday a month and on some holidays and special occasions.

Handbell Choir will start practice on **Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. Handbell choir will play several times throughout the year.

Senior Choir practice will start on **Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. Senior choir will sing two Sundays a month and on some holidays and special occasions.

For those who have busy schedules but would like to be part of any of the choirs, you need not be at every practice.

If you have a love for music, you are welcome and encouraged to join with others to sing and play beautiful music “to the Glory of God.” Share this with your friends and neighbors! One does not need to be a member of St. Peter’s to join the choirs.



ST. PETER’S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

The current account balance is \$29,000

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, October 20, 2024 - Belgian Waffle Fund Raiser following the church service. Enjoy a waffle topped with ice cream, strawberries, & whipped topping. Looking forward to seeing you for a delicious treat and a time of fellowship.



Upcoming Sunday School Events:

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

⇒ 9/8 ~ Sunday *Sundae*

⇒ 11/9 ~ Pork & Sauerkraut Supper, and Bake Sale ~ 3:00-7:00pm.

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 Samantha Kistler or Josh Hunsicker.



Retirees

Retirees will meet on ***September 11th*** in Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and games. Please contact Kay Miller if you are interested in participating so she can plan for the meals. If you would like to assist in any way, please let Kay know. She can be reached at 570-778-0501. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message and she will return your call.

The Retirees are open to anyone, age is not a factor. They meet the second Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members.



Blessing of the Animals

**Outdoor Service of Worship for the
Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, September 22nd at 9:00 a.m.
(weather permitting)**

You are invited to bring your animal(s) to church.

All animals will be blessed. Special service of remembrance for those departed.

All animals present must be tethered or crated

W.A.S.P. News



The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 17th** at 7:00pm in the social hall. WASP Officers will provide refreshments.

WASP usually meets in the fellowship hall the third Tuesday of every month, unless a special event is planned. All women are invited to join them.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

The Kitchen Krew will be back in business in October with the following (provided we have enough help) :

Apple dumplings October 17th orders due by September 29th.
Pickup in the Social Hall from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. \$5/each

A Chicken dinner will be held which includes Chicken/filling/veggie/roll & dessert \$14.00. Must be pre-ordered. Pickup in the Social Hall on October 25th from 3:00-6:00 PM. ..Order by October 13th.

In November:

Apple dumplings order by November 3rd with pickup November 21st from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Homemade filling: order by November 10th with pickup at the South Entrance November 26th (drive-thru) \$8/qt.

Orders can either be put on the sheet at church or by calling Karen Diehl 570-386-5472. If you leave a message she will call you back to confirm your order.



World Wide Communion Sunday– October 6th

On Sunday, October 6th, Christian churches around the world will celebrate the sacrament in recognition of World Wide Communion.

Welcome back to Preschool!

By: Barbara Nametko



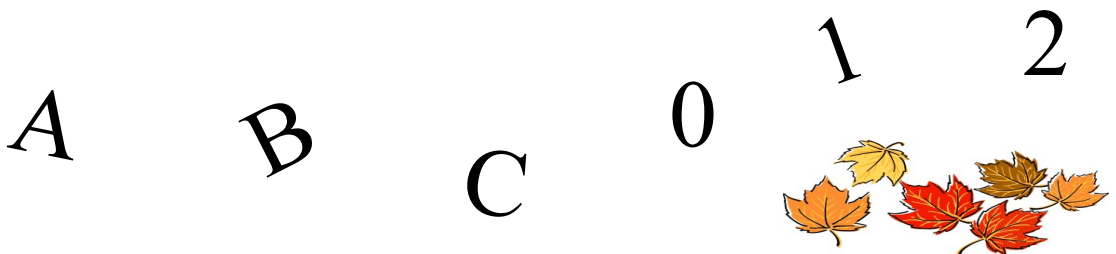
The lazy days of summer sure were awesome, but we are excited to get back to preschool! Our first day of preschool will be on Tuesday, September 3rd for our 3year old class and Wednesday, September 4th for our 4year old class. Afternoon Adventures will begin on Monday, September 9th for our 4year old class. We will start our preschool year off by getting to know one another through songs, games and show and tell. Some fun apple and caterpillar crafts will be keeping us busy this month! Stop by our room to see our creations!

During September we will be focusing on the letters A, B and C along with circles and the numbers 0, 1 & 2.

Preschool will be holding our first fundraiser this month. We will be fundraising with Capriotti's starting September 16th thru October 4th.

You may place an order with any of our preschool families, after church or with Mrs. Nametko or Mrs. Houser. Thank you for your support!

I am excited for our school year to begin! We are going to have a super year. Thank you all for helping make our Preschool a success.



HELPERS NEEDED!

The annual Pork and Sauerkraut Supper is the only fundraiser sponsored by the Sunday School. All our expenses for the year, i. e., Sunday School Materials, and Bible School program, supplies, special gifts and activities depend on weekly offerings and this fundraiser. We need everyone to lend a helping hand so we can continue to teach the "GOOD NEWS."

Saturday, November 9th

Table Setter-Uppers

AM Kitchen Help - peel potatoes, set tables, etc.

PM Kitchen Help - mash potatoes, cook hot dogs

Servers - serve food to people and refill as needed, serve coffee.

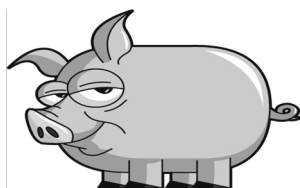
Ticket Sellers

Host/Hostesses - to greet and escort diners downstairs

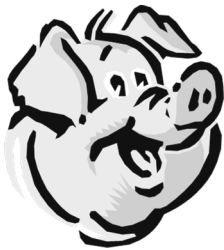
Water People - Ticket Collector

Bus People - Table Setters

Dish Washers - General Cleanup



**PLEASE SEE
Lori Hoppes
IF YOU CAN HELP
or call her at
570-386-2440
610-393-0901**



ST. PETER'S
PORK AND SAUERKRAUT
SUPPER, BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
3:00 ~ 7:00 PM
EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT

SPONSORED BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULTS (13+): \$15.00; CHILDREN (6-12): \$6.00
CHILDREN (5 & YOUNGER): FREE

We will also be holding a basket raffle. Anyone interested in donating a basket, please contact Susan Hunsicker at 570-778-9872.

THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED FOR THE SUPPER. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, SEE LORI HOPPE OR CALL HER AT 570-386-2440 OR 610-393-0901.

Potatoes - 200 lbs.
Corn - 12 #10 cans
Applesauce - 8 #10 cans
Cottage Cheese - 15 lbs.
Apple Butter - 8 quarts
Bread - 16 loaves Italian
Butter - 5 lbs.
Milk - 5 gals.
Coffee - 3 lbs. Decaf
Bagged Ice - 5 bags

Monetary Donations: \$ _____

Bake Sale Donations: Yes _____ No _____

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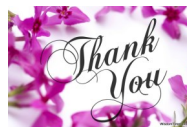
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Dear St. Peter's Members & Family,

I would like to thank all who sent cards and prayers during my surgeries. All my friends and family are truly a Godsend. So many took the time to take me to physical therapy and other doctor appointments. God Bless!

-Charlotte Miller



Dear St. Peter's Members & Family,

Thank you so much for your cards and prayers throughout my recent surgery and recovery (still ongoing). Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

***Thank you again,
Elaine Koons***



Recently Baptized

Calvin Walter Lee Eugene Imbody

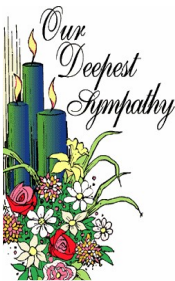
Born Saturday, March 23, 2024

Baptized Sunday, August 4, 2024

Calvin is the son of Justin and Jill (Hoppes) Imbody

Brother of Mason Berlyn William Dale Imbody

Godson of Joshua and Samantha Samuelson



Our sympathies go to the family and friends of

Herman Snyder

Leonard Miller

Brian Fink

Charlotte Solt

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Say a Prayer for:*Loved Ones of**Charlotte Solt**Loved Ones of**Grace Wommer**Loved Ones of**Brian Fink**Loved Ones of**Leonard Miller**Kathy Yuricheck**Carol Bennecoff**Pat Conner**Elaine Koons**Susie Brickler**Lo Ann Algard**Callie Heffelfinger**Caroline Lantz**Richard Knadler**Kent Miller**Brad Steigerwalt**Rose Hinkle**Theresa Derher**Hollie Fox**Ann Mimm**Robbie Trainer**Nadine**Sonia Finnegan**Donald Moyer**Charlotte Miller**Bruce Miller**Gary Steigerwalt**Sharon Horning**Paulette Rex**Mike Canty**Hazel Arner**Anne Scott**Bonnie Miller**Kenneth Breiner**Paul David**Dan Myers**Rita Yarmell**Dr. Harry Berger**Rose Marek**Tim Phillips**Cassie Wolfe**Evor "Butch" Williams**Erlin Moyer**Teresa Fowler**Gregory Slivka**Mary Lou McGowan**Rev. James Seifert**Rev. Russell Heintzelman**Kathy Hoppel**Mark Wolfe**Shawn Phillips**Connie Heckman**Patrick Pulanco**Bob Goerner**Rev. Russ Campbell**Chester Jones**Dan McMullen**Loretta Beers**David Schoch**Erin Coombe**Karen Lenhart**Billy James**Laurie Black**Darryl Moyer**Betty Breiner**Sherry Seip**Maggie Wehr**Nancy Domanski**Melinda Frey**Linda Agosti**Logan Pribila**Bruce Wolf**Lori Fairchild**Franklin Mackes**Zayden Mabey**John Kowlewski**Aiden Kreimendahl**Mike & Bernice Delp**Gino Lorady**Kim & Dave Carson**Louise Billman**Tony Masor**Sherry Walz**Darlene Kunkel**Erla Biasi**Carolyn Kunkle**Jillian Datchko**Donna Roderick**Jaden Leiby**Justin Klotz**Gene McCormik**William Shirar**Amy Meixsall**Jackson Delebar**Austin Klein**Melissa Drake**Lorna Hart**Carson Barron**Nancy Barkus****Those on our
Visitation List:****Buddy Arner, Jr.**Hazel Arner**Edith Coombe**Robert Coombe**Olga Faust**Lynn Gerber**Barbara Kershner**Dorothy Miller**Larry Miller**Velma Schaeffer**Doris Wolfe**Althea Zehner****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
Deployed to Israel: Tyler Resch

Our Military Active Not Deployed:

Mark Habel
Dustin Hoppes
LeRoy E. Kromer II
Timothy Kromer
Ezekiel Kuneck
Sean Kurtz
Antonio Lorenzo
Dominic Lorenzo
Amanda Miller
Austin Resch

Trevor Schilling
Alexis Scott
Andy Snyder
Ryan Snyder
Alexander Thomas
Chad Wehr
Mark West
Scott West
Michael Zeigenfuss

A Prayer for USA on the Anniversary of 9/11

adapted from David Cohen

I still pray for the survivors of the attack on September 11, 2001.
I still pray for the families who have lost loved ones.
I still pray for the rescue workers and police who were on the scene.
I still pray for the doctors and nurses who cared for the hurting.
I still pray for the President and other elected leaders who so desperately need wisdom from beyond themselves.
I still pray for the pastors who care first-hand for the spiritual needs of those who have experienced this great tragedy.
I still pray for the military.
I still pray for our nation -- that this event brought us together and turned our thoughts toward helping each other to fight and VANISH the terrorism out of the world.
I still pray for all those who might be tempted to think that violence accomplishes anything of lasting value. We've seen too much of it in the recent years.
Lastly, I still pray for every peace lover in this world.

May God break the cycle of violence to make a difference for His Peace and Grace in this sinful world.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!



All Saints Sunday



On Sunday, November 3rd, during our morning worship, St. Peter's will honor all our Saints who have passed into eternal rest since last November. There will be a special observance within the liturgy to remember these loved ones and friends. If you have a family member or loved one who you would like to be remembered, please contact Pastor Herring or the office. If you have a loved one you would like remembered that passed away prior to last November, please bring a picture to set on the windowsills of the sanctuary so we can be surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses" as we honor those who have passed into eternal rest and peace with God.

FALL FEST BASKET RAFFLE, BINGO & BAKE SALE

We are looking for basket raffle donations, baskets, and or gift cards with at least \$20 value.

Baskets should be wrapped if possible and both baskets and gift cards can be dropped at the church during church hours or on any Sunday morning.

We are also accepting bingo prizes, and these do not have to be wrapped and they can be placed in the choir room.

We will also be looking for bake sale donations, and those can be dropped off Thursday, September 5th and also they can be dropped off Friday, September 6th and Saturday, September 7th.

Bake sale items should be wrapped and labeled with what it is.

Any questions on any of this you can call or text Lori Hoppes at 610-393-0901.

*No flowers to plant, No garden to tend,
As summertime lazily comes to an end.
It's time to sit back and deliciously savor
God's beauty of the season and the fruits of our labor.
Farewell to summer, for autumn make way,
With this last celebration of a summer's day.*

Adapted from author: Nancy Hughes



CONTRIBUTIONS REQUESTED FOR THE ORGAN FUND

On Sunday, July 21, the congregation of St. Peter's Church voted 64 to 4 to purchase an electronic organ from the Allen Organ Co. to replace our aging pipe organ at the cost of \$71,005. The Church Board has said that while we have put a down payment on the organ, we will not go ahead to fully purchase and commence installing it until we have raised the money to pay for it. Through some memorial funds and through the generosity of the Kitchen Crew, we already have about \$26,000 committed, which is a great start.

To help raise the rest of the funds, the Church will be "selling" organ keys and stops, which you can buy in honor or in memory of loved ones. Pastor Cliff has issued a "challenge" that if anyone or a group of individuals will contribute \$500 or more to the organ fund, he will give a sermon bag to the contributor(s) which they will return the next week. On that Sunday he will give a sermon (not a "children's sermon") based on whatever is in the bag. Please note: the same rules apply – nothing alive shall be placed in the bag.

Members and friends may also contribute simply by placing their gift in a plain envelope marked for the organ fund with your name and envelope number written on the envelope.

Could we raise \$71,005 for the new organ by Christmas? What a wonderful gift this would be for our church to be able to have the organ paid by the end of the year with the potential of having it installed for use by **April 20, 2025**, which is Easter.



New Address???

If are moving or have moved ~ please provide us with the new address in order to keep St. Peter's Church records up-to-date.

Every newsletter returned results in an additional cost to the church. Thank you!

The deadline for the October issue of the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, September 10th.

Daily Lectionary Readings for September 2024

Sunday, September 1, 2024 Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23;
Monday, September 2, 2024 Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Timothy 4:6-16;
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25;
Wednesday, September 4, 2024 Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 8:5-7; Mark 7:9-23;
Thursday, September 5, 2024 Psalm 125; Proverbs 1:1-19; Romans 2:1-11;
Friday, September 6, 2024 Psalm 125; Proverbs 4:10-27; Romans 2:12-16;
Saturday, September 7, 2024 Psalm 125; Proverbs 8:1-31; Matthew 15:21-31;
Sunday, September 8, 2024 Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37;
Monday, September 9, 2024 Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; Hebrews 11:29-12:2;
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 11:1-31; Hebrews 12:3-13;
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 14:1-9; Matthew 17:14-21;
Thursday, September 12, 2024 Psalm 19; Proverbs 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:17-22;
Friday, September 13, 2024 Psalm 19; Proverbs 19:24-29; James 2:17-26;
Saturday, September 14, 2024 Psalm 19; Proverbs 21:1-17; Matthew 21:23-32;
Sunday, September 15, 2024 Psalm 19; Proverbs 1:20-33; Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Monday, September 16, 2024 Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 22:1-21; Romans 3:9-20;
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 25:1-28; Colossians 3:1-11;
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 29:1-27; John 7:25-36;;
Thursday, September 19, 2024 Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;
Friday, September 20, 2024 Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:18-33; Romans 11:25-32;
Saturday, September 21, 2024 Psalm 1; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; Matthew 23:29-39;;
Sunday, September 22, 2024 Psalm 54; James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37;
Monday, September 23, 2024 Psalm 128; Proverbs 27:1-27; James 4:8-17;
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16; James 5:1-6;;
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; John 8:21-38;
Thursday, September 26, 2024 Psalm 124; Esther 1:1-21; Acts 4:13-31;;
Friday, September 27, 2024 Psalm 124; Esther 2:1-23; Acts 12:20-25;
Saturday, September 28, 2024 Psalm 124; Esther 3:1-15; Matthew 5:13-20;
Sunday, September 29, 2024 Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50;
Monday, September 30, 2024 Psalm 140; Esther 4:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9;

The word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105). It is a sure foundation that we can build our lives upon (2 Timothy 3:16). When we neglect the word of God, we are neglecting the very thing that has the power to change our lives.



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

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