

#### St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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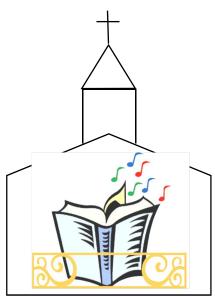
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## Peter's Church West Penn



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

Covenant: A Solemn Promise recognized by both parties as the formal act which binds the actor to fulfill his promises.

Its that time of year again when we will be sending out the covenant letter forms to the members and friends of St. Peter's. We ask that you prayerfully consider your

commitment to God through your membership at St. Peter's. These may seem like an unnecessary task to fill them out and return them to the church, yet they serve as a reminder of promises that you have made to follow Jesus Christ as Your Savior through the ministry and community known as St. Peter's Church West Penn.

The promise you make to follow Christ is different depending on your situation in life. Generally we ask that you promise to attend worship as often as possible, to generously support the work of the church, and to participate and support the church in its many activities. The well-being of our church is fully dependent upon you. We need the full participation and support of EVERY member for St. Peter's to be the best that it can be. It also binds the Pastor and church community to stay by and pray for you as we journey through our faith lives together. I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider your commitment to serving God through St. Peter's as you sign the covenant agreement.

The covenant letter also gives you the opportunity to alert us to any changes in your contact information (address, phone #, and email address).

As your interim Pastor, I am also bound in my covenant promise to serve you as faithfully as I can. Therefore, if you need my services, please let me know. This is especially important if there is a serious illness, hospitalization, or personal crisis.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Church Board.

Pastor Cliff

#### BEWARE! BEWARE!

Recently there has been an increase of people who supposedly represent the church or it's Pastor requesting donations of gift cards or money. Please be aware that if anyone whom you do not know says they represent St. Peter's or Pastor Cliff these are probably scams. Neither the church nor the Pastor will ever contact you through third parties asking for contributions. If you ever receive such a call do NOT respond or give out any information and then contact the Pastor or the church office to notify us. Remember always be wary of any solicitation via of the phone, email or mail if you are not sure they are who they represent. These are not legitimate. Please be careful!!

#### All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 2nd, during our morning worship, St.

All Peter's will honor all our Saints who have passed into eternal Saints' rest since last November. There will be a special observance within the liturgy to remember these loved ones and friends.

With each death our church community is impacted as we will

miss their presence as well as their gifts of time and talent that they have shared with us over the years. It also reminds us that life is fleeting, but the promise of our faith in Jesus Christ is that while death is the end of our life on this earth, our life continues in eternity with Almighty God. All-Saints Sunday is also an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God, with our families, and with our church. Is there room for strengthening the bonds in any of those areas? Now is a good time to evaluate your life, your loves, and your faith. If you have a family member or loved one who you would like to be remembered, please contact 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.

Please join us as we remember the life of these saints and to give thanks for all that they were and the blessings that they gave to us.

#### We thank God for the lives of:

thanksgiving

Rev. Russell Heintzelman Gladys A. Balliet Theresa Mertz Paulette E. Rex Carolyn A. Kunkel Aida Marredo Dorothy L. Miller Velma R. Schaeffer **Kavlee Ouevedo** Lvnn K. Gerber Francis P. Rossi **Matthias Wheelock Aiden Wheelock** David E. Hontz Althea B. Zehner **Jaqueline Riotto** Robert Krell **Nathaniel Wheelock** 

These are the names we have as of the printing of this newsletter.

#### Thanksgiving Eve Service

St. Peter's will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 26 at 7 PM. Join with our partner churches as we give thanks to God for all of the blessings that we have received from our Almighty Creator. Rev. Tony Pagotto, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran and Dinkey Memorial will be preaching that evening.

#### **Upcoming Sunday School Events:**

11/8 ~ Pork & Sauerkraut Supper, Basket Raffle and Bake Sale ~ 3:00-7:00pm. 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.

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, please contact Hannah Miller or Niki Hunsicker.



### **Joyous Noise Offering**

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

October's Joyous Noise Offering totaled \$294.62 and was designated for a fundraiser of Gage Bishop. Gage is participating in a Pediatric Diabetes walk at St. Luke's Carbon on November 1st. October's Joyous Noise will support Gage's walk and all proceeds will be donated to Pediatric Diabetes. Gage was diagnosed at age 7 and was in the ICU for just under a month learning how to adjust and make healthy choices. Always thinking of others, he has decided to give back to the people that have helped him the most during this critical time in his life.

If you have any recommendations for Joyous Noise recipients, please contact Samantha Kistler or Nicole Hunsicker.

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." Ronald Reagan "It doesn't matter where you were planted or which way you grow, all that matters is that you bloom." Sabina Laura

The deadline for the December/January issue of the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, November 11th. This is a Double Issue.

## W. A. S. P. News

On *Sunday, November 16th* the women will present their Thank Offering Service during our morning worship service.

The White Gifts for Bethany Children's Home (UCC) and Diakon Social Ministries (Lutheran) will be received on *Sunday, November 16th* and *Sunday, November 23rd*. Two baskets will be set up in front of the sanctuary containing plain envelopes for your gifts.

The next meeting of the Women's Association of St. Peter's is scheduled on *Tuesday, November 18th* at 7:00 PM. They will be taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias A form can be found in this edition of the newsletter and can also be picked up on the table in the church parlor. The <u>deadline</u> for ordering is *November 30th* and the cost is \$10.00 each. Forms can be given to Lori Hoppes or mailed to the church.

The WASP Christmas party will be held on *Sunday, December 7th*, fellowship hall, 12 noon. More information to follow

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.

#### FREE THANKSGIVING MEALS

St. Peter's is again joining with our sister churches in providing a free thanksgiving meal to anyone in need. These individually packed meals include turkey, gravy, filling, green beans, pudding, rolls and butter. You MUST reserve your meal in advance by calling Nancy Meiser at 570-205-9267 Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM. Reservations will be taken between November 3 and 17. Meals can be picked up on *Saturday, November 22* at Ben Salem Church between 1 and 3 PM.

This ministry is provided by St. Peter's Church, West Penn, Ben Salem, Dinkey Memorial, St. John's Lutheran and Zion Stone. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Pastor Cliff or our church office.

#### Say a Prayer for:

Donald Hank Williams

Recent

Loved Ones of Erin Coombe Terry Abrachinsky
Barbara Andrew Erlin Moyer Tim Kistler
Loved Ones of Franklin Mackes Wayne Lazarus

Robert Coccio Gregory Slivka Russell Snyder Judy Gerber

Dennis Oriel Kay Faust Those on our Margarita Santnadeleon Kenneth Breiner Visitation List:

Sandy Clemson Kenny Oliver
Kay Miller Leon Kunkel Buddy Arner, Jr.

Holly & Jake Henderson Linda Garber Hazel Arner
Lynn Long Loraine Coombe Edith Coombe
Harry & Janie Connor Loretta Beers Robert Coombe

 Ongoing
 Maggie Wehr
 Robert Coombe

 Austin Klein
 Mark Wolfe
 Barbara Kershner

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Betty Breiner Mary Lou & Jim Walk Velma Schaeffer

Mary Lou McGowan Doris Wolfe

Bonnie Miller Mary Lou McGowan Doris Wolfe Brad Steigerwalt Nadine

Bruce Miller Parker Brode Our Missionaries:
Carolyn Lantz Paul David Michael, Kay, Mikayla,

Clyde Renee Troutman Leilani, & Michael Cody Wolfgang Ricky Everett Killar

Darlene Kunkel Rita Yarmell Maude, Valera, Zarina,
Darryl Moyer Robbie Trainer Alexander, & Nicolas

Debbie Mooney Sharon Horning Motovilov
DeRue Kistler Sue Hower

Teresa Fowler

If you know of someone to be added or removed from the Prayer List, please contact Rev. Herring, Chris Miller or the church office.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (Jeremiah 29:12)

#### **Our Military Overseas:**

Deployed to USS Harry Truman: Austin Resch Deployed to Japan: John McGuire Deployed to Germany: Joyce Steigerwalt

#### **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

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



Our sympathies go to the family and friends of

#### Althea B. Zehner

who passed into eternal life on Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Please keep this family and friends in your prayers.

#### **Operation Shoe Box**

On Sunday, October 12th, we "kick-offed" our Operation Shoe Box Mission Project. Operation Shoe Box is a project of Samaritan's Purse which delivers Christmas presents to children around the world who may otherwise not receive any gifts at Christmas.

Boxes and information providing details of how and what to pack in your shoe box are available on a table in the church parlor. You will be able to choose a gender and an age group for the child that will receive your shoe box. The final collection date for filled boxes will be on *November 16th*.

Plan to pick up your boxes and share in the joy of spreading Jesus' love to these children and their families.

#### Giving Thanks! By Barbara Nametko

November is already here, and Preschool has lots of things to be thankful for! We are thankful for our families and new friends. We are also very thankful for the wonderful church for giving us such a special place to learn and have fun.

This month we will be focusing on the letters H, I and J. The number 4 and the colors brown and purple. We will also be talking about our families and being thankful. If you are passing through, you may see some little turkeys roaming around, singing some silly turkey songs! If you happen to hear our favorite Albuquerque Turkey song, you may find yourself humming the catchy tune! Preschool will be holding our annual Turkey breakfast on November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun time for our kiddos to sing our turkey songs for our families, then enjoy some donuts and bagels!

Stop by our room and check out some of the turkeys we created! We love to make turkeys with our hands and make name turkeys! We even put turkeys onto a special shirt!

Thank you to the church for supporting Preschool! We are truly blessed to have such wonderful support.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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#### **DON'T FORGET!**

Eastern Standard time begins at 2:00 am on **November 2nd.** 

Remember to "fall back" and set your clocks Saturday night before you retire ~ and don't forget to check your smoke alarm batteries!!







## St. Peter's Church Poinsettia Orders

Sponsored by the Women's Association of St. Peter's

#### **Deadline - November 30th**

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Cost per Plant - \$10.00

Money Must Accompany The Order Orders may be given to:
Lori Hoppes (386-2440)

#### St. Peter's Pork & Sauerkraut Supper & Bake Sale

**Saturday, November 8th**, 3:00-7:00 pm. We are looking for desserts for the dinner and bake sale (bake sale items should be individually wrapped). To donate any items to the supper, please call/text Lori Hoppes at 610-393-0901.

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

## Retirees

Retirees will meet on *November 12th at 9:30 am* in Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and games. Please contact Sharon Herring if you are interested in participating so she can plan for the meals. If you would like to assist in any way, please let her know. She can be reached at (570) 386-3202. 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.

#### Kitchen Krew Happenings

In November:

Apple dumplings order by *November 2nd* with pickup *November 20th* from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Homemade filling: order by *November 9th* with pickup at the South Entrance *November 25th* (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.



#### Recently Baptized

#### Jace Matthew Marcin

Born Wednesday, May 21, 2025 Baptized September 28, 2025 Son of Joseph & Lynn (Kistler) Marcin Godson of Matthew Kistler and Megan Rolko

#### **GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTING PLASTIC**

The Girl Scouts are collecting *plastic items* such as: grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, reclosable storage bags (i.e. Ziplock), cereal bags, case overwrap (i.e. for water), etc. There is a white box in the parlor for the collection. Please make sure the bags are clean and dry and free from food residue. *They are going to donate the proceeds to the church if they get enough plastic*.

#### FUNDRAISER FOR PEDIATRIC DIABETES

Gage Bishop, the son of Marsha and Joe Estep is working with the Lehighton Lioness and Lions Club to raise money for pediatric diabetes. He has been diabetic since 7 years old and wants to give back to the cause. He will be collecting recyclables (<u>plastic drink bottles and aluminum cans</u>), as well as selling daily number calendars for November (<u>\$10.00 each</u>) to give back to pediatric diabetes.

He has worked hard to be as healthy as possible and would like to contribute money back to the people who have helped him get there. We will be setting up an area by the shed for recyclables and the money raised from them and the calendars will be donated. Anyone with a large amount of cans, can call Marsha to arrange a pick up at 570-778-8082.

Thank you for your support! Gage, Joe, and Marsha

#### **Daily Lectionary Readings for November 2025**

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Saturday, November 01, 2025:Psalm 119:137-144: Habakkuk 2:5-11: John 8:39-47:
Sunday, November 02, 2025: Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
Monday, November 03, 2025: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 2:12-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13;
Tuesday, November 04, 2025:Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:1-16; Jude 1:5-21;
Wednesday, November 05, 2025: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Luke 19:11-27;
Thursday, November 06, 2025: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11;
Friday, November 07, 2025: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23;
Saturday, November 08, 2025:Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Haggai 1:1-15a; Luke 20:1-8;
Sunday, November 09, 2025: Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
Monday, November 10, 2025: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:10-19; 2 Peter 1:16-21;
Tuesday, November 11, 2025:Psalm 98; Haggai 2:20-23; 2 John 1:1-13;
Wednesday, November 12, 2025: Psalm 98; Zechariah 8:1-17; John 5:19-29;
Thursday, November 13, 2025: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25;
Friday, November 14, 2025: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:1-15a; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12;
Saturday. November 15, 2025: Isaiah 12: Isaiah 59:15b-21: Luke 17:20-37:
Sunday, November 16, 2025: Psalm 98: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13: Luke 21:5-19
Monday, November 17, 2025: Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;
Tuesday, November 18, 2025:Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1;
Wednesday, November 19, 2025: Psalm 76: Isaiah 66:14-24: Matthew 23:37-24:14:
Thursday, November 20, 2025:Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-28;
Friday, November 21, 2025:Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
Saturday, November 22, 2025: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17;
Sunday, November 23, 2025: Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
Monday, November 24, 2025: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Revelation 21:5-27;
Tuesday, November 25, 2025: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:18-24; Revelation 22:8-21;
Wednesday, November 26, 2025: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4;
Thursday, November 27, 2025: Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10;
Friday, November 28, 2025: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7;
Saturday, November 29, 2025: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22;
Sunday, November 30, 2025: Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44
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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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