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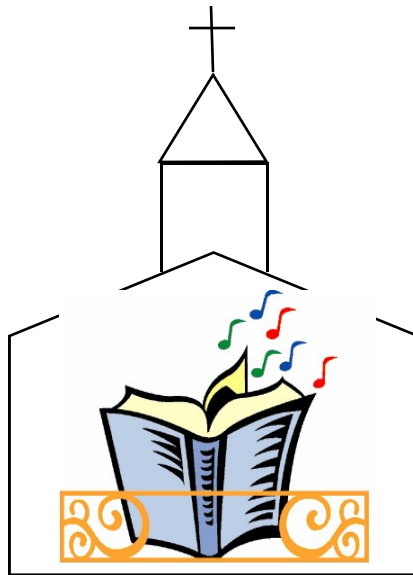
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St. Peter's Church West Penn



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."



Alive Beyond Sunday

There is something powerful about a good worship service on a Sunday morning. The music swells, the sanctuary fills, and we boldly proclaim praises unto God. There's a sense of joy, victory, a fresh hope in the air as we lean into the Word of God . . . but then Monday comes. The alarm clock goes off when we do not really want it to. The weekly rat race routines return. We face the same weekly struggles, pressures, and temptations that keep knocking at the door. As fast as the joy and life of Sunday worship comes and goes, this world tries to rob us. If we are not careful, church and the resurrection of Jesus becomes just another thing *celebrated*, not something we *live*. This is what Scripture teaches us: In Romans 6:4, we are told that just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too may live a new life. That's not symbolic language. That's not some reserved spot just for "super Christians." That's the calling for every believer. Resurrection isn't meant to stay in a moment. It's meant to define a lifestyle.

It's easy to fall into a pattern where faith becomes something we *visit* once a week. We show up, sing, listen, maybe even feel stirred. But all too quickly as the week moves forward, we drift back into survival mode. We go from "I lift your name on high!" to "I'm just trying to get through the week." But the truth is, if you are in Christ, you are not just surviving. You are *alive*. Right now. Today. Colossians 3:1 reminds us, "Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above." Notice the language: have been raised. Not someday. Not eventually. Already. The resurrection life isn't ahead of you. The resurrection is within you.

One of the greatest dangers within the Christian life is when we begin settling for appearances instead of transformation. Kind of when you begin to learn how to say the right things, show up at the right times, and look like everything is fine all the while internally nothing really changes. Resurrection life is not about pretending you're alive. It's about actually being made new. This is the difference between religion and resurrection. Religion says, "Try harder to look alive." Jesus says, "I have made you alive, now live like it."

Living alive beyond Sunday isn't about perfection. Instead, it is about direction. It is not flashy. It is not always easy. But I can promise you, it is real. Like when we choose honesty in a world that manages images. Or responding with grace when our instinct is anger. One small step daily turns into miles faster than you can imagine. When Jesus raised Lazarus, He didn't just bring him out of the tomb. He told others to remove the grave clothes. Too many times believers have experienced new life, but are still wrapped in old habits, old mindsets, and old identities. Refuse to go back. Live each day as sin no longer defines you. Your past no longer owns you. And your identity is rooted solely in Christ, not just in circumstances. You are not who you were. You are who He says you are.

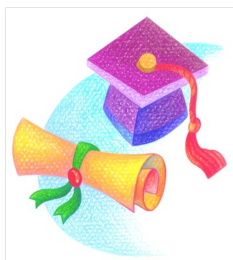
Each morning this month, before the day begins, take 30 seconds and declare this truth: "Today, I am alive to God in Christ Jesus." Let that shape your decisions. Let that guide your reactions. Let that ground your identity. Because resurrection life isn't just something we celebrate, it's something we live.

Pastor Josh

The 2026 Confirmation Class raised \$ 361.50 for the Multiplication of Talents last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who supported them!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 24th** during our morning worship, Zane Zeigenfuss and Chase Moyer will celebrate their Rite of Confirmation into our church family. Please plan on attending to welcome them. We will also have The Sacrament of Holy Communion for the congregation.



Graduating Senior Recognition

We are planning our annual tradition at St. Peter's by recognizing the achievements of our graduating seniors on **Sunday, June 7th**.

During morning worship on that day, there will be a time to honor our graduating seniors from high schools, colleges, our preschool, and technical schools. 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 **May 24th**. 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.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

New Members

If you are interested in becoming a member at St. Peter's (or you know someone who is), Please let Pastor Josh or a Board Member know, or call the church office.

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.*

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"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever." – Unknown

"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your mom told you to do it from the start." — Anonymous

"Dear Mom, Thank you for keeping all the bad stuff I did from Dad." — Anonymous

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers." — Rudyard Kipling

"Thank you for not telling my sisters that I'm your favorite." — Anonymous

"Silence is golden. Unless you have kids. Then silence is just suspicious." — Anonymous

"Why don't kids understand that their nap is not for them but for us?" — Alyson Hannigan

"A mother is the person you can always call to see how long chicken lasts in the fridge." — Anonymous

"The majority of my diet is made up of foods that my kids didn't finish." — Carrie Underwood

"It's not easy being a mom. If it were easy, fathers would do it." — Betty White



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

April's Joyous Noise Offering totaled \$296.47 and was designated to the family of Liam Melicharek. At only 9 years old, Liam completed his brave battle with Leukemia on Monday, March 9, 2026, at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Liam was a 3rd grader at Tamaqua Elementary and always had a smile on his face. Those that knew Liam always mentioned his infectious positive energy that remained throughout all his trials. Liam also wrestled and played basketball. This collection will be given to Liam's family to use or donate in which way they see fit.

May's Joyous Noise Offering: On March 8, Melissa Frey suffered a sudden medical emergency during a Scout meeting in West Penn while helping teach the children a first aid lesson. Despite the efforts of the Scout leaders and EMTs, she sadly passed away. Melissa leaves behind her husband and two young sons, who were present that evening. The family is now facing unimaginable grief along with unexpected expenses. This month's joyous noise has been organized to support the Frey family during this difficult time.

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 Hannah Miller or Nicole Hunsicker. Thank you for your support!

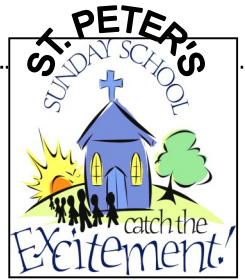


We are doing True North VBS from **Monday, July 13th through Friday, 17th from 6-8 p.m.** Closing program will be held during the regular church service on **Sunday, July 19th!** Registration forms will be available in the church parlor, and they will also be in the June & July newsletter.

DON'T FORGET LECTOR SIGNUPS

Thank you to those willing to serve ~ a **new signup sheet** is on the table in the church parlor. The reading will be provided each week through email and/or in the bin on pastor's door. You may signup for one Sunday, or multiple Sundays (which is encouraged). Thank you!





Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Every Sunday

- ⇒ 5/10 ~ Mother's Day
- ⇒ 5/24 ~ Memorial Day Service at St. Peter's Church at 11:300 AM (bring your lawn chairs)
- ⇒ 6/21~ Father's Day
- ⇒ 7/13 - 7/17 ~ Vacation Bible School from 6:00-8:00 PM
- ⇒ 7-19 ~ VBS Closing Program at 9:00 AM at St. Peter's

Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School class today. Teachers and helpers are also always welcome. Anyone willing to be part of this great educational experience should see Nicole Hunsicker or Hannah Miller.. Just remember, you can't ask "*What would Jesus do?*" until you know "*What Jesus did and said!*"



Retirees

Retirees will meet on *May 13th* in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. 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 Sharon know. She can be reached at (570) 386-3202 The Retirees are open to anyone, age is not a factor.

They meet the second Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members.

The deadline for the June issue of the "*Cornerstone*" is Tuesday, May 12th
Deadline for articles/information is always the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Marissa Miller

&

Tanner Davis

Who united in Marriage on
Saturday, April 18, 2026



To the Congregation of St. Peter's,

My sincere thanks for the many deeds of kindness I received while I was recovering from a deep wound.

Your prayers and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated.

*Thank you,
Marian Frantz.*



"Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone."

~Zechariah 10: 1



"Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day created by God".

~ W. Earl Hall

WASP NEWS



The Mother/Daughter/Aunt/Sister/Cousin Tea on Tuesday, May 12th @ 6.30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a signup sheet on the parlor table for refreshments. All church women and young ladies are invited to join them.



Moving Up in May By Barbara Nametko



Preschool will be starting off May with a trip to Country Junction. We will have lots of fun in the arcade, bowling and feeding the animals.

May will bring a review of the alphabet, numbers, shapes, and colors. We love our mother's and will be making them some special crafts for Mother's Day. We also will be talking about how Mothers and Grandmothers are so very special.

May will be filled with lots of outdoor activities, including nature walks, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and some fun on the playground!

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!

Thank you to the Church congregation for all your kind words, support, and love! Thank you to Ms. Elaine for her smiles and for always listening to us sing! Preschool loved getting to know Pastor Josh and we especially loved when he popped in to sing with us or cheer us on!

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



CONGREGATIONAL CLEAN-UP DAY

All Hands On Deck! We will be having a clean-up day on **Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 AM ~ ?** Jobs will include cleaning windows, cleaning up the outside, small jobs, large jobs ~ we need your help! A signup sheet is posted on the table in the church parlor. Please list your name and where you will be willing to help. Thank you!



St Peter's is home to many activities, groups, clubs, events and services which makes elevator use a must. Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope for elevator maintenance. We hope you would consider making a contribution, in addition to your regular offering, to help us defray the cost of our monthly maintenance fee which is **\$260.00**

You can mail your contribution or **BETTER** yet, bring the envelope with you when you worship with us on Sunday. Thank you!

GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTING PLASTIC

Please make sure the plastic and bags are clean and dry and free from food residue. There is a collection box in the church parlor.

FUNDRAISER FOR PEDIATRIC DIABETES

Gage Bishop is collecting recyclables (plastic drink bottles and aluminum cans). **No milk jugs or 1/2 gallon containers please.** Anyone with a large amount of cans, can call Marsha Estep to arrange a pick up at 570-778-8082

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS NEEDED

*Sponsors are always welcome because it defrays our mailing costs. **Our postage has increased due to the Post Office raising prices.** You can be a sponsor for as little as \$90.00, or you can choose to sponsor the entire newsletter for \$180.00. **BUT, any amount will help!** Send your sponsorship or contact the office at 570-386-4388.*



Giving is one way we worship together. Scan the QR code to give quickly and securely, helping us continue the work God is doing

Say a Prayer for:

Recent

*Loved Ones of
Betty Breiner
Loved Ones of
Dennis Orie
Cassie Wolfe
Crystal Unger
Daniel Smith
Darryl Moyer
Denise Angstadt
Edna Moyer
Eileen Moyer
Elsie Kiddell
Jackson Farrow
Janet Altenburg
Judy Gerber
Nancy Domanski
Steve Miller
Wendy Kunkel*

Ongoing

*Austin Klein
Barry Reinert
Beth Pravozino
Betty Breiner
Bonnie Miller
Bruce Miller
Carolyn Lantz
Clyde
Cody Wolfgang
Dale Peterson
Darlene Kunkel
Debbie Mooney
DeRue Kistler
Donald Hank Williams*

*Erin Coombe
Erlin Moyer
Gregory Slivka
Harry & Janie Conner
Hope Gramlich
John Tracy
Karen Nelson
Kenneth Breiner
Larry Chelsa
Leon Kunkel
Linda Garber
Lisa Moyer
Lynn Long
Maggie Wehr
Margarita Santnadelon
Margaret Kern
Mark Wolfe
Marsha Rodgers
Mary Lou McGowan
Nadine
Parker Brode
Paul David
Renee Troutman
Ricky Everett
Rita Yarmell
Ron Hinderliter
Russel Miller
Russell Snyder
Scott Middlecamp
Sharon Horning
Sherry Goerner
Sue Hower
Teresa Fowler
Tracie & Scott Clews
Wayne Lazarus*

**Those on Our
Visitation List:**

*Buddy Arner, Jr.
Hazel Arner
Edith Coombe
Robert Coombe
Olga Faust
Barbara Kershner
Wendy Kunkel
Larry Miller
Gary Steigerwalt
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 Germany: Joyce Steigerwalt
Deployed to Saudi Arabia: Ryan Snyder*

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*

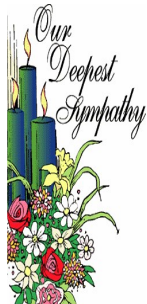
*Tyler Resch
Alexis Scott
Trevor Schilling
Andy Snyder
Ryan Snyder
Alexander Thomas
Chad Wehr
Mark West
Scott West
Michael Zeigenfuss*

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



The Memorial Day service is at St. Peter's Church this year on **Sunday, May 24th** at 11:30 AM. Bring your lawn chairs!

Our sympathies go to the family and friends of
Harold R. Coombe
who passed into eternal life on
March 24, 2026
and
Betty Breiner
who passed into eternal life on
April 15, 2026
Please remember these families in your prayers.



Daily Lectionary Readings for May 2026

Friday, May 01, 2026: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16;
Saturday, May 02, 2026: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59;
Sunday, May 03, 2026: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
Monday, May 04, 2026: Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40;
Tuesday, May 05, 2026: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56;
Wednesday, May 06, 2026: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38;
Thursday, May 07, 2026: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12;
Friday, May 08, 2026: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38;
Saturday, May 09, 2026: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29;
Sunday, May 10, 2026: Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
Monday, May 11, 2026: Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44;
Tuesday, May 12, 2026: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12;
Wednesday, May 13, 2026: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24;
Thursday, May 14, 2026: *Psalm 93*; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
Friday, May 15, 2026: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7;
Saturday, May 16, 2026: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30;
Sunday, May 17, 2026: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
Monday, May 18, 2026: Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6;
Tuesday, May 19, 2026: Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11;
Wednesday, May 20, 2026: Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36;
Thursday, May 21, 2026: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11;
Friday, May 22, 2026: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17;
Saturday, May 23, 2026: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12;
Sunday, May 24, 2026: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23
Monday, May 25, 2026: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24;
Tuesday, May 26, 2026: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27;
Wednesday, May 27, 2026: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39;
Thursday, May 28, 2026: Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a;
Friday, May 29, 2026: Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14;
Saturday, May 30, 2026: Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17;
Sunday, May 31, 2026: Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20



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

No problem is too great to place in God's hands.

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