



St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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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

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; (Psalm 24: 1-2)

The first Sunday in October is known as World Communion Sunday. It is the hope that every Christian community throughout the planet would celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on that day. It reminds us that regardless of our differences, our cultures, our languages, we all celebrate the Presence of Christ in the bread and cup. For in Christ we are all One!!

Do you realize the importance of this seemingly symbolic action? It reminds us that this world was created for each one of us, but it was not created with the intention that we are to be the center of it. If you think about Creation, it is clear that we are all inter-dependent upon each other. We do not and cannot live solely for ourselves. We need each other and just as importantly we depend upon the rest of creation. Every insect, animal, and all forms of vegetation have an important contribution to add to our existence and to sustain life in each other. For me, one of the miracles of Creation is how inter-dependent we are.

This is true of the church as well. So many feel like they are not important as a member, when in effect, we all have a role to play to make this the best congregation that we can. All are to valued and welcomed as part of this community of faith.

We are all God's Beloved Children. We are all part of God's Beloved Creation. No one should be felt that they are any more or any less important than anyone else. The Blessed Sacrament that we partake on October 6 represents the Sacrifice that Christ made for ALL of us. As we partake of it, let us be humbled as we understand ourselves as a part of this vast Creation. Let us honor, cherish, and love each other. Let us honor, appreciate, and respect every part of Creation. It is God's gift to each one of us. Let us be thankful.

Pastor Cliff



If you know of anyone who is of Confirmation age, we will be starting Confirmation classes in October. Please contact either the church office or Pastor Cliff as soon as possible so that they may be included in the new class.

On September 1, Pastor Cliff will be providing Pastoral services for St. Peter's. Therefore, please contact him if you know of a member who is hospitalized and would like a visit, or if you wish to receive Home Communion, or if you are in need of any Pastoral Care.



We thank Rev. Glenn Rarick for providing Pastoral care for the last several months. His care and compassion were deeply appreciated. Thank You Pastor Glenn.

PASTOR CLIFF'S SERMON CHALLENGE

Did you ever want to put something in the sermon bag that is used for the children's sermon on Sunday? Pastor Cliff is issuing this challenge: If you (or a group or family) donate \$500 or more to the organ fund, Pastor Cliff will give you a sermon bag to fill for the next Sunday. That week, you may present the bag to him. After a possible question or two about the item and a hymn, the Pastor will preach his sermon based on your bag.

If you have any questions or are interested, please contact the Pastor. This challenge can be for any Sunday beginning September 22 through October.



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!



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

September's Joyous Noise offering totaled \$1,374.80 and was 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. All donations collected will be given to Alex to assist through this difficult time.

August's Joyous Noise offering totaled \$257.07 and was designated to the Lehighton Families that lost their homes and possessions in a fire on June 20, 2024. Thankfully there were no first responder or resident injuries or casualties reported. Two of the homes were a complete loss and a total of 12 people have been displaced. All donations collected will be given directly to those affected.

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.

The deadline for the November issue of the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, October 8th.

"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 — Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Handbell Choir — Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Senior Choir — Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

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.



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.



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

Say a Prayer for:

Loved Ones of

Matthew Boyer

Kadie Foster

Marsha Rogers

Michelle Boyer

David Barron

Cody Wolfgang

Brian Abrachinsky

JoAnn Pangonis

Shelly Babinchak

Ryan Orvac

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

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

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. Together we can meet this goal.

Fun in the Fall

By: Barbara Nametko



The leaves are falling, and preschool is ready to catch them. We are looking forward to watching the leaves turn colors, paint pumpkins, and for Halloween! This month we will also be working on the letters, D, E, F, and G number 3, squares, and the colors yellow, orange, and black.

October is fire safety month and will be learning about firefighters and how to keep safe in an emergency. We will also be making a fire truck craft. Our 4yr old class will be getting a visit from the West Penn Fire Company. This is an exciting day to learn about fire safety and explore a fire truck!

Preschool will be taking our annual field trip to Yenser's Tree Farm to visit the pumpkin patch this month! We will be taking a wagon ride to go pumpkin picking, then playing in the fun play area and we will end our morning with a snack and group picture!

October will be a busy and exciting month for Preschool. We will end our month with our Halloween party and parade! This is a great end to an exciting month!

D E F G 3



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

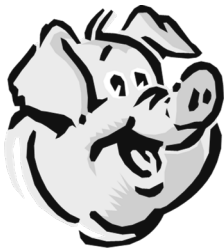
Water People - Ticket Collector

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 _____

Name: _____

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St. Peter's Church Members and Friends -

Thank you so much for the prayers, sympathy, love and support extended to our family during this difficult time of loss. There are not enough words to express our heartfelt gratitude.

LaRue and the Fink Family



*Congratulations on your wedding day to:
Christopher John & Beth Teena (Kistler) Chinnici
September 14, 2024*

Dear Members of St. Peter's

I would like to express my thanks for allowing me to serve as your Visitation Pastor for the past 10 months. It has been a very spiritual and uplifting experience being able to share faith, prayer and the Sacraments of Holy Communion with people who I have not seen in many years. My hope is that it was as much a spiritual experience for them as it was for me.

Rev. Glenn Rarick



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.

W.A.S.P. News



The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 15th** 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.



Retirees

Retirees will meet on **October 9th** 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.

Announcement:

We are looking for someone to run the Retirees. Kay Miller will be stepping down as of the new year, 2025. Please feel free to direct any questions to Kay. Thank you!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th. We are planning a **bake sale** and are looking for baked goods donations.

Please individually wrap any donations.

They can be dropped off here at the church on Sunday, November 3rd, Monday evening from 6-7 pm or contact Norene Rosso at 570-818-7046. Thank you!

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