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HANGING OF THE GREENS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th at 7:00 pm

Please see pages 3 & 4 for more
Hanging of the Greens details!



Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm- Family Service

9:00 pm- Candlelight Service



Great News From Room to Read

We are confirmed for a 3:1 match for the Girl's Education Program. **Our donation is \$7227, so that amounts to \$28,908!** We are sending **96 girls** to school for a year next year! That's one more than last year, with a smaller multiplier.

Thank you to everyone who so generously gave to this very special mission! And thank you Especially, to the R2R Committee of Wayne Freese, Cindy Maguire and Diane Dunn!

If YOU would like to be even more involved, the Room to Read committee is looking for two volunteers to help the committee next year!

**Christmas Day falls
on a Sunday this year
and there will be
worship service at
10:00 a.m**



Santa Fred



St. Mary's
Franciscan Shelter
For Homeless Families

"Traditions of Christmas are lasting, because they're made of love," someone once said. One tradition here at church that fits that quote is our annual mission to help St. Mary's Shelter, led by Santa Fred.

During the Advent season, right up to Christmas, you'll see Santa Fred before worship, ready to help St. Mary's once again. Please consider a donation to help a very worthy organization. Thank you.



The fall annual congregational meeting was held immediately after worship on November 20th.

Consistory President Jim Phillips led the meeting after declaring a quorum. Thank you to those who sent in absentee ballots.

Before beginning the business of the day, Jim led everyone in a moment of silence in the memory of Ken Whitlatch.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to vote on new Consistory members and congregational officers for 2023. The slate of nominees was approved:

Congregational President: Pete Warner; Congregational Secretary: Kathleen Wachsmuth

Elder: Deb Wetty; Deacon: Herman Nieuwenhuizen; Trustees: Bob McClimon and Ray Perry

Members coming off Consistory were thanked: Doug Yeakle, Bill Latta, Mark Myers, and Drew Zummo.

Dan Gorge shared some information about the 2023 budget draft, then took any questions. The final approval for the 2023 budget will take place at the January meeting.

All the Annual Reports were approved.

Under Old Business, Charlotte Wookey shared her appreciation for the Sewing Circle, and expressed concerns among members about the sharing of the Christian Education building with the home school, from kitchen use to the Sunday School rooms.

Under New Business, Jim announced the formation of a new ad hoc committee by the Consistory to meet with the home school monthly to discuss usage concerns, scheduling, and any other timely issues.

Also under New Business, Jim announced that Jill Cook would like to leave her position as the cleaning person by the end of the year, as she has gained employment elsewhere. However, she will be able to stay on as the Church Secretary. Anyone interested in the cleaning position can contact Jim Phillips or Pastor Doug.

Dedication of Campbell Legacy Field

For 14 years, Ben Campbell served as the Chair of the Board of Directors at Bethany Children's Home. A lifelong member of St. Peter's, Ben felt a calling to serve at Bethany. He used to speak of getting chills every time he entered the grounds because of what it meant to him.

During those 14 years, Ben helped Bethany navigate its way through many tough times; times that required creative, confident and accomplished leadership. Because of Ben's commitment and love for Bethany, an area of Bethany has now been dedicated in his name: The Campbell Legacy Field.

On Sunday, October 30th, on a beautiful blue sky day, the dedication of Campbell Legacy Field took place, "honoring J. Benson Campbell for his service to Bethany Children's Home."

After a Welcome by Dr. Joseph Birli, CEO, and a Dedication and Blessing by Rev. Rose Shepley, Chaplain, Ben's wife, Diane, was asked to speak. Along with Diane's family and some members of St. Peter's, those in attendance heard personal reflections from Diane, who is still active at Bethany.



A number of memorial bricks within the Campbell Legacy Field are from our church, and members of our church, in tribute to Ben and in gratitude for Bethany.



Along with Ben and Diane's legacy of support to Bethany, Doug Yeakle is keeping up the tradition of St. Peter's involvement as the acting Treasurer on the Board of Directors.



Hanging of the Greens



The Hanging of the Greens, a long-time St. Peter's tradition, is a beautiful service during which the congregation prepares the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The service is filled with Christmas carols, and every person in attendance has the opportunity to help decorate the church. You can even bring an ornament for the Christmas tree!

The offering that evening will go to the Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania. Also, gifts for the teenagers at Bethany will be gratefully received. (Editor's note: see the Bethany Wish List on the next page.)

Hanging of the Greens is a lot of fun, but we need YOUR help...many hands make light work:

Fresh greens needed (We'll take whatever you have!)

Please drop them off at the back of the church before Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

Workshop, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

We will be making simple decorations out of the donated greens, putting bows on the wreaths, and getting the Christmas tree from Yeager's. Bring clippers and wire.

After morning worship on December 4th.

We will be making final preparations, bringing the tree into the sanctuary and getting the lights on it, and getting everything in place for the service later that evening.

The Hanging of the Greens Service

We need lots of people to participate in the service itself. Every position is easy and fun.

Baked goods needed for the social hour afterward. Please drop them off at Fellowship Hall *before* the service so that we may all enjoy them afterward.

See you December 4th at 7:00 pm

Please contact Cindy Warner at clcwarner@yahoo.com if you are interested in taking part in any way, or let Pastor Doug know that you would like to help, and he will pass the word along.

Thank you all very much!



The Bethany Wish List is on the next page, but if you're interested in donating a gift card, here is a list of places that would be great!

Gift Cards support independent learning skills

Walmart, Target, Lowe's, Home Depot, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Boyer's, Redner's, Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Ross, Michael's, Hobby Lobby, Ulta

Hanging of the Greens

Once again, we will be celebrating our traditional Hanging of the Greens service. On Sunday, December 4th at 7 pm, we will gather in the sanctuary to decorate the church for Christmas and prepare ourselves for the spirit of the season.

As in the past, we will be supporting Bethany Children's Home with gifts and an offering on this special evening. Please see below for the list of needed and wanted items.

All are welcome to bring a gift for Bethany.

Bethany Wish List 2022

Cottage Needs

- small bins with handles for toiletries
- bed pillows
- twin sheets
- twin zippered waterproof mattress pads
- bath & pool towels
- shower curtain liners and rings
- kitchen dish cloths/towels
- twin comforters
- 4-slice toasters
- flashlights & nightlights
- sketch books
- MP3 players

Teen Boys' Clothing

mens' sizes please

- sweatpants for men-sizes small-2XL
- underwear-boxer briefs
- socks-all types
- pajama pants-Sizes Small-2XL
- white t-shirts – all sizes
- gym shorts
- rubber-soled slippers or slides
- robes
- snow boots

Teen Girls' Clothing

Juniors and misses sizes please

- sweatpants- small-2X
- panties – size 5,6,7 & 8
- sports bras/bralettes- Small-2XL
- socks-all types
- pajamas – all sizes
- bath robes
- tank tops
- slippers
- gym shorts
- snow boots

Recreation

- agility ladder
- basketballs (29.5-inch)
- kickballs & playground balls
- pickleball paddles & balls
- TRX Workout Band (Brand)
- 1.5-inch yoga mats
- meditation pillows
- black 3/4-inch buckles for paracord bracelets
- Lego sets
- Pony Beads
- Rexlase plastic lacing
- embroidery thread
- Sculpey clay & Accessories/Tools – <https://www.sculpey.com/products/tools>
- Nalgene water bottles
- storage bins
- *large Bluetooth speaker for outside use*
- larger easy-up tent
- Mechanic tool sets
- 2-stage locking carabiners
- 3-stage auto-locking carabiners
- teambuilding sports
- bookcases



Activity Items

- art & craft kits
- adult coloring books
- paint-by-number
- tie-dye kits (with white shirts and pillowcases)
- card stock
- paint brushes
- hand-held games
- board games
- scrapbook paper
- canvas boards
- yarn
- crochet & knitting needles
- colored pencils
- hardbound journals

Accessories

- umbrellas
- digital alarm clock with no radio
- washbaskets
- rain ponchos & boots
- wrapping paper
- gift bags
- tissue paper
- large storage containers

Sewing Circle

The Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering was held here in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. It takes many helping hands to make this day possible. We start the week before with the other members of the Guild dropping off their donations. All donations are then separated and placed on the agencies tables according to their needs. On Sunday, after church, tables and chairs are setup and decorated for the luncheon. On the day of the Ingathering we arrive early to make sure all is ready for our guests. Everyone brings a covered dish to share. After the luncheon, the articles are blessed and we hear from a representative from each organization.



My mom, Tekie Wise, said this every year she was president of the Guild. I think it sums up what we do very nicely. "Jesus taught us that what you do for the poor and needy, the elderly, the addicted, the children, the abused, the students with babies and all who cross your path you do unto Him. This is our goal. This is the Guild's way of worshipping our Lord by collecting and sewing for them."

-Kathy Krasley



Pickering Valley Guild Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ help us always to remember that it is you whom we behold, when one of your children is clothed, comforted, and fed.

With thankful hearts receive these gifts made or gathered by our hands.

Bless every person who will receive a garment.

And may they know the wonders of your love....

Amen



Chili Cook Off

The chili cookoff was a great success. Brenda Morgan attended. Our church sent her money when her house was flooded. She thanked us for helping her. The chili cooker winners were 1st place - Dave Wise. There was a tie for 2nd. Mark and Kim Maureen & Fred's vegetarian chili. The missions winners were Bethany, Heifer, and Habitat.



Blessing of the Hounds



On Thanksgiving morning, we had a great turnout on a beautiful morning for the Blessing of the Hounds, joined by the Adrossan Beagles and five friends and neighbors on horseback.

Thank you to Michelle Case for coordinating all the volunteer duties, to Kathleen Wachsmuth for all her help, and all those who helped to make it a special morning.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR



St. Peter's Pikeland is very excited to be hosting their second annual Christmas Craft Fair on December 11th from 11-2pm.

Please bring your Christmas Cash and get ready to check your loved ones off of your gift list! Most vendors accept cash or venmo and paypal so be sure to bring cash to spend.

All donations to Bethany Children's Home will also be taken in cash or check.

The sewing circle has volunteered to provide lunch in exchange for a donation to Bethany Children's Home, and we will have a fellowship table as usual.

Jackie Warner will provide baked goods for the fellowship table and all are welcomed to bring a Christmas baked good to share!

We will have a raffle, all tickets will be a \$1 donation to Bethany Children's Home and you must be present to win. One basket will be donations from church members who are having a booth including a wreath, jewelry, a birdhouse and more! The second basket will be from vendors outside of the church, and the third raffle will be for a Christmas Quilt from Wendy Sherman. The raffle will be held between 12-1. During the event, we will have a gift wrap station and a kids craft station, both in exchange for a donation. In fellowship hall there is a volunteer sign up sheet to assist with gift wrapping, the kids craft, or a welcome booth.

Flyers and physical invitations are available to hand to friends, neighbors, and hang in public places. We hope you will bring friends! Thank you all for your support of this new initiative, we hope that it will be a great success!



BIRTHDAYS

Barb McCabe	12/1
Dorothy Wood	12/1
Tom Wilson	12/2
Darryl Zinn	12/3
Linda Johnson	12/5
Richard Benjamin	12/5
Bob Breisch	12/6
Clarice Bowman	12/7
Jean Ann Barney	12/7
Chad Stein	12/7
Catherine Schay	12/8
Suzanna Derer	12/8
Tom Carnevale	12/9
Owen Yeakle	12/10
Jim Phillips	12/13
Killian Dunn	12/13
Sarah Schay	12/15
Mark Myers	12/18
Doug Fink	12/19
Sumiko Booraem	12/19
Dan Gorge	12/19
Jackie Nordhoff	12/19
Dee McClimon	12/20
Tammy Gingrich	12/20
Ryan Mest	12/21
Annamae Moore	12/23
Beth Newell	12/26
Cooper Dunn	12/29
Alexis McCarthy	12/30
Kevin Whitlatch	12/30
Ryan Borzillo	12/30
Rose Borzillo	12/30



December Anniversaries

Bill and Suzanna Derer
 Jim and Gail Phillips (50th)
 Chett and Jeanie Breiling

Passing

Ken Whitlatch passed away on November 12th from cardiac arrest, after many weeks of a slow recovery from a motorcycle accident. Service arrangements have not yet been made.



Ken served as the Treasurer of the church for a number of years. The congregation deeply misses his presence in countless ways. We continue to keep his grieving family in our prayers.

Caroling

Calling all carolers! On Friday, December 16th, we will be gathering at 7 pm in the church parking lot as a carpooling group again this year to make a few stops of caroling to friends and members.



Bear Fair



During the worship service on November 27th, Pastor Doug dedicated all the Teddy Bears and various stuffed toy animals from this year's Bear Fair. Each stuffed animal will bring a smile and comfort to a child this Christmas.

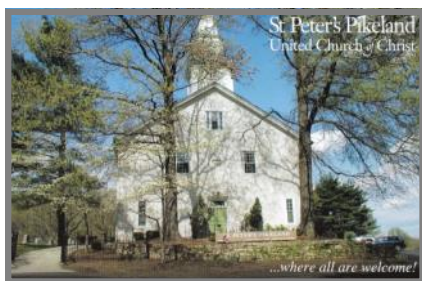
Thank you to Steve and Kathy Krasley for again coordinating this year's Bear Fair, and to all who brought in a toy animal to join the gang of critters.

Leaf Mania

We had a great turnout for Leaf Mania on Saturday, November 19. The many hands had everyone out of here before lunch. A big thank you to the volunteers!

Volunteers included:
 Bob and Dan McClimon
 Ted Miller
 Mark Myers
 Scott and Chris Maguire
 Scott Raichle
 Tom Raichle
 Peter Wilson
 Fred Wookey III
 Albert Wachsmuth
 Doug Yeakle





Church Staff

Rev. Douglas Hanson,

Pastor

Kat Bowman,

Director of Music and Organist

Jill Cook,

Church Secretary

Deborah Wetty,

Nursery Attendant

Debbie Wolk,

Bookkeeper

Wayne Freese

Cemetery Manager

Church Officers 2022

President of Congregation –

Pete Warner

Secretary of Congregation –

Kathleen Wachsmuth

President of Consistory –

Jim Phillips

Secretary of Consistory –

Michelle Case

Elders

Michelle Case- Chair

Doug Yeakle

Maureen Wookey,

Kathleen Wachsmuth

Deacons

Richard Sherman—Chair

Diane Campbell, Bill Latta,

Jim Phillips

Trustees

Mark Myers-Chair

Peter Wilson, Fred Wookey III,

Drew Zummo

Our Prayer List

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Andrea Lafleur

Angie Schlessman

Annamae Moore

Anthony Didesidero, friend of Anne Breiling

Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths

Barbara Shivers

Bob Dewilde

Caitie Blazic and baby Nicholas, friend of Judy Smythe

Carol Banz, friend of Richard Benjamin

Carol Meyer

Cathy Moffa, friend of Don and Gwen Davidson

Charlie Fishman, Pete Warner's Nephew and Godson

Chris Webb, son of a friend of Lynn Mailey

Daniel Mulcahy, friend of Harlows

Denny Stanley, Bob McClimon's uncle

Donna Rhodes, Gail Phillips' sister

Doris Ingham, Joyce Rosen's mother

Douglas Wilson, spouse of Kevin McLemore

Ernie Coccia, Father of Deb Wetty

Ethan, son of a friend of Dee McClimon

Friends and family of Ken Whitlatch

Gwen Davidson

Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson

Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner

Jennifer Osborne

JoAnn Warshaw-Godmother to Alyssa Menkins

Ken Wise

Laura Dick

Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson

Margaret Breiling

Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys

Marvin Rosen

Mia Nordhoff

Patty English

Peter Lenichek, Anne Breiling's cousin

Rick Cassidy, friend of the Davidsons

Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister

Sally Mehrens, sister of Lynn Mailey

Sharon Divis, daughter of Judy Smythe

Sue McVay, friend of Mary Jo Pandjak

Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister