

December 2023

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St. Peter's on the Hill
"Let your light shine before others"



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HANGING OF THE GREENS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd 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



Another Delightful Concert

On Saturday afternoon, November 18th, an appreciative crowd enjoyed beautiful selections for viola and piano. Guest musician, Veronika Roemer, violist, was accompanied by our Music Director, Kat Bowman. All agreed that the interplay and phrasing on each piece was exceptional.

Veronika introduced each selection with interesting stories about the composers.

The concert was followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

This was the 12th concert in the St. Peter's concert series.



**Christmas Eve falls
on a Sunday this year
and there will still 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.

Congregational Meeting



After worship on November 19th, we held our fall congregational meeting. Pete Warner, Congregational President, called the meeting to order.

The main purpose of the meeting was to elect new Consistory members and Congregational Officers. Peter Wilson was ordained as an Elder, Dave Wise Jr. was elected as a Trustee, and Pete Warner was elected as a Deacon.

The 2024 Congregational Officers are Mark Myers, President, and Kathleen Wachsmuth, Secretary.

A vote was next taken to approve all the reports in the 2023 Annual Report.

Dan Gorge, church Treasurer, gave an overview of a draft of the 2024 budget, to be voted on in January. We vote in January in order to see how the year's giving ends.

Also at the meeting, Fred Wookey III, Chair of the Trustees, gave a presentation about a proposed pavilion. More information will be shared with the congregation before a vote at the January meeting.

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 Ardrossan Beagles and five friends and neighbors on horseback.

Thank you to the Wachsmuths and all who helped to make it a special morning.



Leaf Mania

We had a great turnout for Leaf Mania on Saturday, November 18. The many hands had everyone out of here before lunch. A big thank you to the volunteers!

Volunteers included:

Wayne Freese
Bob McClimon
Scott and Chris Maguire
Scott Raichle
Tom Raichle
Pastor Doug
Pete Warner
Peter Wilson
Albert Wachsmuth
Doug Yeakle





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!

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

If you would like to bring a gift for the teenagers at Bethany Children's Home, please see their wish list on the next page! All gifts will be gratefully received.

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 3rd at 7:00 pm

Please contact Cindy Warner at clcwarner@yahoo.com if you are interested in taking part in any way.

Thank you all very much!

After the service, we will host a fellowship time that will include a small craft fair.

Christmas Craft Sale

Ho Ho Hold Your Horses folks - we're combining Hanging of the Greens with the Christmas Craft Fair! Our favorite church member crafters are going to be at the Hanging of the Greens evening event, rather than at their own craft event. Bring your cash to spend on holiday gifts and spread some cheer at this year's hanging of the greens!



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 3rd 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 on this special evening. Please see below for the list of needed and wanted items.

Bethany Wish List 2023

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

Teen Boys' Clothing

mens' sizes please

- sweatpants for men-sizes small-2XL
- underwear-boxer briefs
- socks-all types
- pajama pants-Sizes Small-2XL

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

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 ¾-inch buckles for paracord bracelets
- Lego sets
- Pony Beads
- Rexlace plastic lacing



Activity Items

- art & craft kits
- adult coloring books
- paint-by-number
- tie-dye kits (with white shirts and pillowcases)
- card stock
- paint brushes

Accessories

- umbrellas
- digital alarm clock with no radio
- washbaskets
- rain ponchos & boots



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

SEWING CIRCLE NEWS



Every year on the second Tuesday in November, the Sewing Circle host the Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering. The other members of the Guild along with the local agencies we serve come together to share a delicious luncheon and fellowship with each other. We then have a blessing of the clothes that have been sewn, knit, crocheted and bought to help newborns up to people in nursing homes. Someone from each agency gives a little talk about what they provide to their clients and how our donations are needed and appreciated by everyone. At the very end we help get everything packed in bags and into their cars. As they drive away we can't help but be so very grateful to be a part of making someone's life a little better.



Caroling

Calling all carolers! On Friday, December 15th, 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.

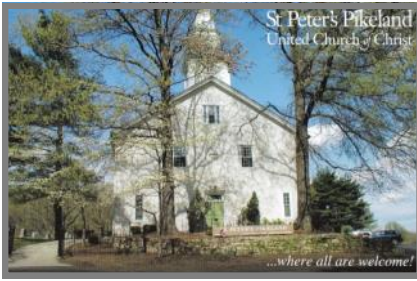


Bear Fair



During the worship service on November 26th, 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 children and senior citizens 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.



Our Prayer List

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

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 2023

President of Congregation –
Pete Warner

Secretary of Congregation –
Kathleen Wachsmuth

President of Consistory –
Jim Phillips

Secretary of Consistory –
Kathleen Wachsmuth

Elders

Kathleen Wachsmuth
Deb Wetty

Deacons

Herman Nieuwenhuizen,
Jim Phillips

Trustees

Fred Wookey III- Chair
Bob McClimon, Peter Wilson

Allison Lockhart, sister of Rev. McLemore
Andrea Lafleur
Angie Schlessman
Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths
Barbara Shivers
Carol Meyer
Cathy Moffa, friend of Don and Gwen Davidson
Connie Hershey, friend of Micki and Alyssa Menkins
Charlie Fishman, Pete Warner's Nephew and Godson
Chris Webb, son of a friend of Lynn Mailey
Daniel Mulcahy, friend of Harlows
Debbie Rittenhouse, mother-in-law of Mitchell Warner
Donna Rhodes, Gail Phillips' sister
Ernie Coccia, Father of Deb Wetty
Friends and family of Bill Latta
Guinevere, granddaughter of friend of Dee McClimon
Gwen Davidson
Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin
Hugh Lawson
Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson
Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner
Jean Neiman
Jeff Johnson, Co-worker of Eric Johnson
Jennifer Osborne
Jessica G., friend of Grace Merryman
Laura Dick
Lia Sawyer, friend of Cherri Romano
Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys
Michelle Ralston, friend of Maureen Wookey
Mike Brown, friend of Trevor Johnson
Nancy Harris
Nancy Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman
Pattie and Charlie Freeman, friends of the Bowman's
Patrick, friend of Dee McClimon
Patty Myers
Richard, friend of Dee McClimon
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
Tara Cantello, friend of Denise Harlow