



THE BEACON: St. Peter's on the Hill

January 2023

"Let your light shine before others"

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Home for the Holidays



Hanging of the Greens

A big thank you to Cindy Warner, who organized our Hanging of the Greens Service. Thank you to everyone who donated greens, and volunteered to help throughout the service in order to prepare our sanctuary and hearts for the birth of Jesus.
(special thanks to the donor of the tree and wreaths)

.... Thank you to those who brought gifts to the Hanging of the Greens for the children of Bethany Children's Home. You once again helped these children believe in the Spirit of Christmas!

Un-Hanging of the Greens

Please join us on Sunday, January 8 after worship to put away all of the Christmas decorations and song books. The more hands we have, the easier the work load will be.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From our "home" to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and blessed New Year. Thank you to everyone who made this holiday season as beautiful as it was. With much gratitude, we wish you all a Happy New Year!





Weeks leading up to Christmas

.... Thank you to Kat Bowman and Ray Perry, the McClimons, the Nordhoffs, Michelle Case, and Joe Riboldi, our Advent Wreath candle lighters.

.... Thank you to the Sewing Circle for taking Christmas gifts to the Pocopson Home.

.....Thank you to Kathleen Wachsmuth, who organized the poinsettias orders this season.

.....Thank you to Diane Campbell for delivering the gifts to Bethany Children's Home.

.....Thank you to Cindy Warner for heading the Hanging of the Greens service and Diane Campbell for heading the refreshment time afterwards.

Santa Fred

On behalf of Santa Fred, St. Mary's Shelter and Bethany Children's Home, we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the kind people who donated to Santa Fred's collection this year. Your generosity affects the lives of so many people in our community in such a positive and loving way!

Thank you!



Craft Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our second Christmas Craft Fair a huge success! We had amazing attendance throughout the event and many vendors would like to participate in the future if we decide to do this again. Thank you to The Sewing Circle for their amazing lunch, it really added to the event!

Caroling

On the night of Friday, December 16th, some of our church family helped spread the Christmas spirit by caroling to the homes of beloved members.

Thank you to the carolers who set out on this cold night to spread love and Christmas cheer!

Offering Plate Dedication

On Sunday, December 11th, we dedicated the brass offering plates in memory of Irv and Tekie Wise. The Wise family was in attendance and also provided the altar arrangement in Irv's memory.





January 19, 2023 At Franklin Commons

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Once a year over 300 individuals attend The Taste of Phoenixville, a premier social event to show their support for [Good Samaritan Services](#). Good Samaritan Services provides support to those who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness.

Be a part of this delicious event featuring amazingly creative cuisines, an incredible silent auction, complimentary local wine and beer, and plenty of surprises!

Go to www.goodsamservices.org for tickets

Reaching Out to Spread Love to Our Members -Maureen Wookey

One of the things that I love about St. Peter's is the strong community that we have. Rev. Frank Lamson prayed over my mom just before she died because our priest wasn't able to.

At the time, I was not a member at St. Peter's but his kind act in my time of need convinced me to join. As the winter months are upon us, please make it a point to keep in touch with your fellow parishioners. The winter months can be difficult as the cold weather moves in. Sometimes someone just needs to know that someone is thinking of them. A note, call, text, or email can go a very long way and make a huge difference in someone's life.



A Thank you from the Open Door Foundation

We received the following thank you card from the Open Door Foundation based in California, that helps the people of Ukraine.

Dear St. Peter's United Church of Christ,
Thanks you for your support!
Your donations are greatly appreciated by Open Door Foundation. With your financial support, we are able to help Ukrainian people in this devastating crisis. We want to thank you for your generosity and continuous support in this time of need. Please keep us and Ukraine in your prayers.



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, January 29, immediately after worship, the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held. If you cannot attend, absentee ballots will be sent out soon. The 2023 budget will be presented for review and approval.

During worship that day, the new Consistory members will be installed.

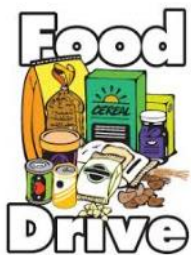
Commitment Forms

Please remember to take a moment to fill out your 2023 Commitment Form. These forms are incredibly helpful in planning out the church's budget. If you need another copy to fill out, you can find them in the church building or one can be e-mailed to you again.

Sewing Circle News



On Wednesday, December 7th, the Sewing Circle had their Christmas party in Fellowship Hall. This year, we changed it up and decided to have it catered by Foresta's. Pat Heckman was in charge of decorating the tables. She always does a beautiful job and it helps to get us in the holiday spirit. We, as a group, take 20 names from Pocopson each year. Christmas presents are bought from the residents' wish list and brought in the day of our party. We are part of a large group of Santa's Helpers to ensure that everyone has a gift to open Christmas morning. We also bring a baby gift to be given out to anyone in need over the winter.



PACS Winter Food Drive

For the months of January and February, we will be collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries, cleaning supplies, baby products and pet food. This is to help PACS keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors in need. In July 2021, PACS aided 282 families. In July 2022, they aided 715 families. That's a significant increase! With the price of food, gas, heating oil and rent being so much higher, people don't have enough money to buy the necessities that are needed. Items can be dropped off in the crates located in the front and

back of the church or on the table in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your generosity,

The Sewing Circle

PACS Hot List Please no glass containers or opened/expired foods.

Food • Oatmeal • Spaghetti • Pancake mix • Poptarts • Syrup • Mac and cheese • Chef boyardee • Ketchup • Mayonnaise • Ramen • Brownie mix • Cake mix • Icing • Salty snacks (ex., terra chips, mixed nuts, hippes, skinny pop chips, pretzels, popcorn, tortilla chips) • Healthy snacks (ex., trail mix, granola bars, kind bars) • Jelly (grape & strawberry) • Peanut butter • Peanut butter crackers • Cheese crackers • Cookies • Juice • Salad dressing • Relish • Alfredo sauce • Peaches • Pineapples • Canned Fruit • Garlic Powder • Onion Powder • Cinnamon • Vanilla extract • Thyme • Paprika • Rosemary • Crisco • Masa (corn flour)

Baby Items • Diapers sizes newborn, 5, 6, & 7 • Baby wipes • Baby body wash

Toiletries • Body wash • Shampoo • Deodorant • Shaving cream • Razors • Toothbrushes • Sanitary pads • Toilet paper • Paper towels

Pet items • Dog food, wet and dry • Cat food, wet and dry

Cleaning products & miscellaneous • Laundry detergent • Laundry detergent (hypoallergenic) • Dishwasher detergent • Trash bags • Sponges • Can openers • Dish soap • Sandwich bags • Universal cleaner • Tissues • Clorox wipes • Clorox/bleach



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January Birthdays

Jeannie Leaman	1/1
Sean Harlow	1/6
Declan McCarthy	1/6
Ed Benjamin	1/7
Eileen Biddle	1/7
Cheryl Nicholson	1/7
Marielle Stewart	1/8
Diane Campbell	1/9
Kathleen Wachsmuth	1/9
Lucas Cheney	1/10
Amelia Cook	1/12
Aidan Stewart	1/14
Rob Cottone	1/16
Carolyn Wilson	1/18
Chip Griffiths	1/20
Don Giordano	1/22
Mary Jo Pandjak	1/22
LeeAnn Michener	1/24
Laura Yeakle	1/24
Christine Merryman	1/24
Judy Smythe	1/25
Bob Frederick	1/27
Michelle Case	1/27
Richard Mest	1/27
Matthew Bierer	1/28
Gus Orr	1/28
Jan Orr	1/28
Brian Neiman	1/29
Luke Wilson	1/29
Sonja Wheelan	1/30
William Miller	1/31



John and Barbara Borzillo
Bob and Jane Breisch
Ian and Sally Mansmann
Reid and Kirstin Smith
Bill and Pam Latta

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More Thank You's

Thank you to Bill Latta for cutting down the dead tree by the parsonage.

Thank you to Mark Myers for installing the automatic paper towel dispensers in the bathrooms in Fellowship Hall, as well as coordinating the installment of the new lighting in the sanctuary, which was funded by the Breischs. Thank you everyone!!!!



Worship Volunteers Needed in the New Year

As we enter into 2023, please consider signing up to help with Sunday worship, whether it's to be an Usher or Lector or to offer altar flowers or social hour. You will find the sign up sheets hanging in Fellowship Hall, or you contact the church office, via e-mail.

Thank you to everyone who helps make each week flow so smoothly!



Communion will be served on Sunday, January 8th



February Highlights

Souper Bowl Service- February 12th

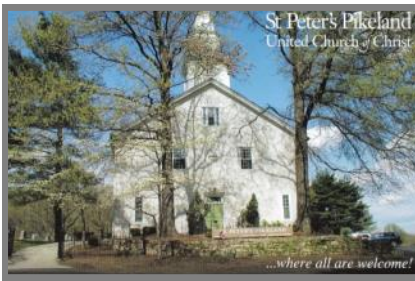
Ash Wednesday- February 22nd

Mission Sunday- February 26th



Like us on FaceBook:
St. Peter's Pikeland

Our Services are now
livestreamed through FB!



Our Prayer List

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 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

Diane Campbell, Bill Latta,
Jim Phillips

Trustees

Mark Myers-Chair
Peter Wilson, Fred Wookey III,
Drew Zummo

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 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 Marv Rosen
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
Jennifer Pasquarello, friend of Maureen Wookey
Jim May, friend of the Johnsons
JoAnn Warshaw-Godmother to Alyssa Menkins
Ken Wise
Laura Dick
Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys
Mia Nordhoff
Patty English
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