

July 2022

THE BEACON: St. Peter's on the Hill

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Pizza Dinner at Bethany



On June 7th, eight members of our church family provided dinner and dessert to the children and youth of Bethany Children's Home.

The youth really enjoyed the pizza dinner, and then dug into some S'mores for dessert. All the food was definitely a big hit!

Thank you to Maureen Wookey and Doug Yeakle for coordinating the event, and all the volunteers.



Bethany Children's Home

The mission of Bethany Children's Home is to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid our residents in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter, healthier future.

Bethany Children's Home's vision is of a community where all youth and team members are safe in their environment and feel safe within themselves. To bring this vision into reality, they provide the [resources](#) needed to children and families to work through their losses, enabling them to have a brighter future.

Rev. Kevin McLemore Installed

At the Spring Meeting of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the UCC June 3-4 at West Chester University, Rev. Kevin McLemore was installed as the Associate Conference Minister of Search and Call.

As it turns out, he also is now the Acting Conference Minister, while the Rev. Bill Worley is on sabbatical.

Kevin joined our church on March 13th, and on the (rare!) occasions when he isn't representing the Conference at other churches on Sunday mornings, we can look forward to seeing him here to worship.

For his installation service, Pastor Doug offered a prayer, and Kat Bowman led the music.



Rev. Beth Eustis Ordained



From August 2018 through April 2019, Beth Eustis was the student pastor here at St. Peter's. On June 5th, Beth was ordained at her home church, The United Church of Christ at Valley Forge.

Pastors Doug and Susan, and Rev. Kevin McLemore, were in attendance.

Now a reverend, Rev. Eustis received the laying on of hands from the many clergy in attendance.

The road to ordination is a long and difficult one, and now, having completed all requirements, Rev. Eustis will be serving St. James UCC in Limerick.

Sunset on the Hill

On a beautiful Saturday evening, June 18th, a number of church members gathered outside the



church to enjoy the Sunset on the Hill.

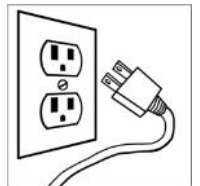


Many conversations were shared as the sun slowly set - a perfect summer evening!

THANK YOU!

We'd like to thank Peter Wilson for changing out the majority of outlets in the sanctuary that had become loose over time.

Most of these outlets could not be used anymore, but thanks to Peter's work, we can now plug cords in and not have them fall right out!



Ice Cream Social

Thank you to Kathleen Wachsmuth and all of the volunteers who helped to make our Ice Cream Social Sunday so very special as we celebrated the graduates of the church and also the musicians who contributed to worship over the year.

It was a delicious and cool kick off to the start of summer!





Sewing Circle



St. Peter's Sewing Circle met on a beautiful afternoon Wednesday June 9th. for their end of year picnic. Wendy Sherman was kind to host and her husband Dick was chief griller. There was yummy food to share and the ladies enjoyed the fellowship with each other. Pat Heckman and Kathy Krasley even enjoyed dipping their toes in the Sherman's pool.



The Sewing Circle is looking forward to August, when we will kick off the start of our next year with a luncheon at Stonehouse Restaurant in Kimberton on Wednesday August 10 @ noon



The Sewing Circle is happy to report that at our May meeting the ladies voted to return to Wednesdays for our meetings in Fellowship Hall.

Our first meeting for the year 2022-2023 is Wednesday September 14th.

All are welcome!

CONCERT

ST. PETER'S PIKELAND CONCERT SERIES

presents Rob Curto and Melissa Brun on
Sunday, July 10th at 3:00 pm at St. Peter's Pikeland

Accordian-player, composer and singer Rob Curto is New York City-born, but currently resides in his adopted city of Philadelphia. Rob plays Upbeat, Innovative, Accordion-driven American Roots Music, influenced by artists from Bela Fleck to Buckwheat Zydeco.

Rob has a long history of music-making, with roots in a musical family steeped in the music of swing-era America, over 20 years of experience playing Brazilian dance music, and half a decade deeply immersed in Irish traditional music through his mentor Billy McComiskey. Rob has been described as bringing a “workingman’s spirit to the bellows-craft of the accordion”. (www.robcurto.com)

FB: RobCurtoMusic, IG: @robcurto

Cellist Melissa Brun is a freelance and teaching artist in Phoenixville. She hosts a private teaching studio of 30 students from her home, teaches at Waldron Mercy Academy, and manages the Chester County Youth Orchestra. Melissa is a String Clinician and Outreach Supervisor for D’Addario Orchestral where she presents virtual workshops to students and educators about strings, the string-making process, and how to make educated string choices.

Melissa is also a member of the Irish trio, Maggie’s Boots, and half of the creative writing team and performer for the children’s music group, The Big Idea Committee. Their self-titled debut album is out this spring! Follow FB: Melissa Brun, IG: @CelloGal), or visit her website (www.melissabrun.com).

**A reception and a meet-and-greet with the artists will follow the concert.
Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this one!**



July Birthdays

Charlotte Wookey	7/1
Adam Gingrich	7/3
Catie D'Aleo (Zaro)	7/3
Emily Hackman	7/5
Bette Miller	7/5
Tate Yeakle	7/5
David Cagliola	7/6
Dale Reichenbach	7/7
Peter Warner	7/7
Lauren Carnevale	7/7
McKendred Nance	7/8
Kyle Cheney	7/8
Deborah Wetty	7/13
Matt Smiley	7/14
Greg Wheelan	7/15
Tom Raichle Jr.	7/15
Beth Smiley	7/16
Albert Wachsmuth	7/17
Maureen Wookey	7/17
Barbara Shivers	7/20
Janene Osborne	7/21
Micki Menkins	7/23
Timothy Mansmann	7/23
Michael Dick	7/24
Alyssa Menkins	7/25
Ted Morgan	7/26
Kourtney Kelly	7/27
Julia Barry	7/27
Cashel McCarthy	7/30
Rich Romano	7/30
Cindy Maguire	7/31

Wedding Anniversaries

Andrea and Laura Dick	7/5
Paul and Lee Ann Michener	7/11
Fred and Maureen Wookey	7/11
Gus and Jan Orr	7/13
Tom and Lisa Wilson	7/22
Edward and Renae Bierer	7/22

Nine New Dogwood Trees



In memory of her beloved husband, Ben, Diane Campbell has donated nine new dogwood trees to the church grounds.

Wayne Freese had noted some months back that some of the dogwoods, planted years ago, were either gone or ready to be cut down. Diane offered to help rebeautify the area around the church with new ones. With the expert help of Carol Craig and her team, you can now see the new dogwoods surrounding the church.

St. Peter's offers its heartfelt gratitude to Diane for her generous consideration of the church in Ben's name.

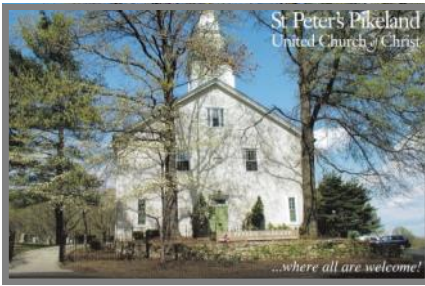
SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Looking for a way to get involved in our church community, advertise for an event or group you're a part of, or want to help bring new members to St. Peters?



Join the social media committee! Jackie Warner is creating a committee that will start meeting this fall to create facebook posts and events. You do not need to have any social media or computer knowledge - this is a place where you can learn! The committee will sit down about once a month and brainstorm what facebook posts we want to make - some examples would be spotlighting our missions and fundraising activities, and posting about upcoming events so people outside of our church can see them. Jackie will write and post everything, but she needs ideas of what to write and pictures to use! If you have an event, pictures, or any questions about the committee please email Jackie at jmwarner@udel.edu





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

Treasurer – Ken Whitlatch

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

Andrea Lafleur

Anne Breiling

Angie Schlessman

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

Chris Saunders, friend of Micki Menkins

Chris Webb, son of a friend of Lynn Mailey

Clarice Bowman

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

Ethan, son of a friend of Dee McClimon

Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson

Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner

Jennifer Osborne

Joe Rowan, Uncle of Alyssa Menkins

Laura Dick

Lindsay Meekins, friend of Micki Menkins

Margaret Breiling

Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys

Marvin Rosen

Mia Nordhoff

Patty English

Peter Lenicheck, Anne Breiling's cousin

Rich Baer, friend of the Krasleys

Rick Cassidy, friend of the Davidsons

Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister

Sally Mehrens, sister of Lynn Mailey

Scott Raichle

Sharon Divis, daughter of Judy Smythe

Sue McVay, friend of Mary Jo Pandjak

Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister

Tom Bellamy, friend of Micki and Alyssa Menkins

Tommy Thompson, friend of Micki Menkins

Wendy Sherman