

November 2022

# THE BEACON: St. Peter's on the Hill

*"Let your light shine before others"*



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## Annual Meeting



Following the service on Sunday, November 20th, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held.

We need to meet our By-Law requirements for a voting quorum. We understand that we can't all attend church right now, so we will be e-mailing out absentee ballots prior to the meeting. Please fill your ballot out and return it to the church office before November 20. You can e-mail the ballot or send in the mail.

We will vote for our new Consistory members and Congregational officers.

We also will get a first look at a draft budget for 2023, with the vote for that slated in January.

**2022 Annual Reports will be distributed in early November, in advance of the meeting.**

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Did you know that 1/2% of all of your Amazon.com purchases can be donated directly to the church, at no cost to you! We enrolled St. Peter's in Amazon Smile back at the start of the pandemic, but you may have forgotten. This is something extra easy at no cost to you! It's especially great as we head into the Christmas season!

### Here is how it works:

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(Or use this link to go directly to our page)

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You can then shop exactly as you would through the regular Amazon.com site, with no hidden fees or costs. Amazon will send the church a quarterly check. It's that simple!

## Room To Read 2022

Thank you all for your generous donations to Room to Read this year!

We had a lovely book sale and cafe, interesting tech glitch during our presentation, but mainly you showed up for the Girls Education Program. Last year, you donated \$4400...this year, the total is \$6627! We will be sending our contribution at the end of November, so if you meant to send a check in, there is still some time.

It takes \$300 to keep a girl in school for a year with Room to Read. You are most certainly changing lives, and we thank you.

Speaking of we...it's just Wayne, Cindy and I. We have gotten some lovely support this year in setting up and tearing down the sale, but we could use 2 more committee members. Please see one of us if you would like to join us.

*\*Editor's Note: Thank you to Diane, Cindy and Wayne for the presentation, book sale, and all of the hard work they put into making this Mission such a success!*



# The Sewing Circle



## Harvest Home 2022



### A HUGE Harvest Home Thank You



The women of the Sewing Circle would like to thank everyone who made Harvest Home one of the best we ever had. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and continued support. Kathy Krasley had the pleasure of taking the food to St. Mary's. She got at least 15 enthusiastic "Thank yous" from the young women that answered the door.

It made her day. The local food pantry and St. Mary's were most appreciative of your donations.



### Diapers



We are still collecting diapers for the Ingathering. Any and every size are needed.

Don't know what to get? Monetary donations are also appreciated and we'll do the shopping for you!

When helping others, you need to remember the reward isn't found in repayment from those you help.

The reward is found in gratitude of your own situation to be fortunate enough to be in the position to help another.

## The Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering

The Pickering Valley Guild consists of the following organization: St. Matthews, Birchrunville Sewing Circle, Chester Valley Grange, Kimberton Grange, Centennial Lutheran and St. Peter's UCC. We serve the following organizations: Chester County Intermediate Unit, Genesis, Phoenixville Area Learning Center, Gemma and Pocopson Home.

We are hosting the Ingathering here at St. Peter's on November 8th at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish, join us in fellowship and come see the good works being done by the Guild and the agencies we support.



## Blessing of the Hounds

On Thanksgiving morning, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am, we will once again gather in the field behind the church to celebrate the Blessing of the Hounds.

The Ardrossan Beagles will join us for the return of this beloved service.

Following the Thanksgiving service, Pastor Doug will again enjoy blessing pet dogs brought by their owners.

Baked goods and warm drinks will be offered to all the guests.

Be sure to let family members and friends know!



## St. Peter's will hold its Chili Cook-off on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.



Proceeds will go to the missions of the church. If you would like to enter your chili in the cook-off, please contact Maureen Wookey at [mwookey17@hotmail.com](mailto:mwookey17@hotmail.com)

Also, as a way to help our veterans, and receive 5 extra tickets for the cook-off, you are encouraged to help any local veterans organization. Just let us know when you arrive at the cook-off. One suggested link is for the K9s for Warriors' Gift Registry Address at [Check out my list on Amazon.](#)

K-9s for Warriors pairs up highly-trained service dogs with veterans that suffer from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. Please consider purchasing a gift from the link above to help.

## Veteran Recognition During Worship

Once again this year, during worship on November 13<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Doug will recognize the veterans of our congregation. With Veterans Day always celebrated on November 11<sup>th</sup> around the nation, the Sunday service will do the same.

During the welcome at the beginning of the service, Pastor Doug will share some words, then ask all veterans to stand to be recognized. The prayer that day also will give thanks for all veterans, both those still with us, and also those who have gone on to their reward in heaven.



## All Saints Sunday

November 6th is All Saints Sunday, when we remember those who have gone on to the Church Triumphant in heaven. The word "saint" in the New Testament refers to all believers, and so we celebrate the faithful work of all the saints in heaven.

In our service that day, we also will give thanks for our forbears at St. Peter's UCC. The prayer that day especially lifts up those members who have passed on since All Saints Sunday last year.

We will recognize the passing of "Tekie" Wise, Anne Breiling, James E. Hall, Helen P. Morgan, George Emery



## Leaf Mania

The Trustees of the church, who are in charge of the buildings and grounds, are asking for volunteers to come to the annual Fall Leaf Mania on Saturday morning, **November 19th at 8:00 a.m.** There will be donuts and coffee!

Please bring your leaf blowers, rakes, tarps, and branch cutters. Many hands make light work!





# holiday Craft Fair

## Christmas Craft Sale

On December 11th we will be hosting our second annual Christmas Craft Fair! At this time, we are looking for vendors. We are only accepting small businesses that make their own items.

From the first Sunday in November until the day of the event, we will be handing out raffle tickets to Church

members who share our advertisements on Facebook! Jackie will give out tickets in Fellowship hall after the service - you can earn one raffle ticket per week for sharing our weekly advertisement from the Church Facebook Page, and Jackie can also show you how to do this on your phone. The raffle winner will be announced the morning of the event on December 11th. You must be present to win!

On the day of the event, we will be hosting multiple small businesses and artisans inside of Fellowship hall for the local community to come find holiday gifts and find out more about St. Peter's. I am asking if anyone is able and willing, please consider volunteering as a greeter to talk about St. Peter's if any patrons are interested, or wrap gifts, or help children make a craft. All at the event may make a donation to have a gift wrapped and/or have their children make a craft that can be a gift. Jackie will be placing a donation box and sign up in Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions please reach out to Jackie Warner at [jmwarner@udel.edu](mailto:jmwarner@udel.edu)

## Bear Fair



**Begins November 6th- Ends November 27th (Brand new bears please...)**

The Bear Fair began here at St. Peters in 1998. At that time, we partnered with West Chester University and it was their decision what agencies received the bears. The University is no longer involved and we get to decide where the stuffed animals go.

This year we wanted to share with you one of the agencies that receive our bears. Their name is Gemma, which in Italian, means gem or precious stone. The children in the residential program come to them due to neglect, physical, mental and sexual abuse. Each year, a holiday celebration is held for the children. In keeping with a decades-long tradition, the stairway railings are lined with large stuffed animals. Each child points to the one they want and its ribbon is cut so they can catch it as it falls. This is one of the highlights of the year for these children. They have such a great time!

We are grateful for the many years of continued support and for helping to put smiles on the faces of children that truly need one.



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



Kris Pool	11/1
Karen Wilson	11/2
Charles Stein	11/3
Hugh Lawson	11/4
Cindy Zummo	11/5
Gwen Davidson	11/6
Patty English	11/6
Joyce Rosen	11/9
Kaitlyn Cook	11/10
Sally Mansmann	11/11
Cindy Warner	11/11
Alex Raichle	11/13
Alex Cavan	11/14
Pat Heckman	11/19
Jennifer Wachsmuth	11/19
Jeff Griffiths	11/20
Eric Johnson	11/22
Lisa Blue	11/23
Alec Myers	11/23
Cindy Cheney	11/24
Peter Wilson	11/24
Laura Hackman	11/26
Cole Nordhoff	11/26
Dick Sherman	11/28
Karl Schay	11/29



## November Wedding Anniversaries

Bob and Carole Frederick  
Wayne and Gail Freese  
Rich and Cherri Romano

## Fall Back an Hour!

Daylight Saving Time ends **Sunday, November 6th**

Be sure to turn your clocks **BACK** an hour on Saturday evening, November 5th, before going to bed. And while you're at it, change the batteries in your smoke detectors too!

*Everyone gets that lost hour of sleep back!*



To The Pikeland People,

Thank you so much for my "birthday party-coffee hour-celebration!"

I never thought that ninety years was so great until ninety was in my background!!!

I also wish to thank the Pikeland UCC Sunshine Committee as they never miss sending cards to me and many others.

Thank you again,

Jean Neiman

## George Emery Passing

George Emery, of the Emery and Raichle clan, passed away on February 20, 2022 in California. He was buried in St. Peter's cemetery on October 15<sup>th</sup>, surrounded by family. Pastor Doug and Fr. Gary Pacitti of St. Basil Catholic Church co-officiated the committal service.



## December Highlights



4th- Hanging of the Greens 7 pm

11th- Christmas Bazaar

16th- Caroling 7pm

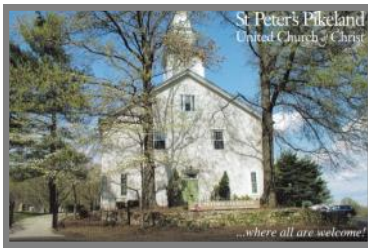
24th- Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm Family Service

9:00 pm Candlelight Service

25th- Christmas Morning Worship Service





# 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

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

Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson

Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner

Jennifer Osborne

Ken Whitlatch

Laura Dick

Lindsay Meekins, friend of Micki Menkins

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