

November 2023

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 19th, 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, 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 18th. You can also e-mail the ballot or send in the mail.

We will vote for our new Consistory members and Congregational officers at the annual meeting.

We also will get a first look at a draft budget for 2024, with the vote for that slated in January.

2023 Annual Reports will be distributed in early November, in advance of the meeting.

Room To Read 2023

Once again, you have supported the education of girls through Room to Read. This one program helps end the poverty cycle and rebalance gender inequality, which benefits entire communities across the world. This year, we have raised \$5226 through the book sale and donations.



There is still a little time before we submit our funds to the organization (usually at Thanksgiving) so if you haven't yet had the chance but you'd like to contribute, please write a check to St Peter's with R2R or Room to Read in the memo line. We'll have a final update on our impact in the next newsletter!



Fall Back an Hour!

Daylight Saving Time ends **Sunday, November 5th**

Be sure to turn your clocks **BACK** an hour on Saturday evening, November 4th, 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!





Harvest Home 2023

Thank you for joining with us in reaching out to our neighbors in need. Food insecurity is growing at a fast pace and we are so very lucky that we are able to do this for them. Kathleen W. and Kathy K. delivered the food to St. Mary's Shelter. Dedra, the new director, gave us a tour of the renovations that have taken place. In the past, the items most needed were to help pack lunches. That is no longer the case. With the new apartments they need the same items as PACS. So glad we found this new information out so we can provide them with what they need the most. Virginia and Micki delivered to PACS. The people who were helping them unload were helpful, friendly and very organized.



Once again, thank you all for your continued support. Without you, none of this would have been possible.



Baby Shower

We are all very excited with the response we received to our "Baby Shower". If you would like to participate, we will be collecting until November 12th. Items needed: Baby wash, lotion, shampoo, sippy cups and bottles. Gifts can be left on the table outside the office in Fellowship Hall.

All baby items will go to help organizations supported by the Sewing Circle and the Pickering Valley Guild.



The Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering



Join us on Tuesday, November 14th at 11:30 am for our annual PVG Ingathering here at St. Peter's.

Please bring a covered dish to share and join us for an afternoon of fellowship while we support local organizations.

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 5th, we will be lifting up in prayer, those who have passed away over the last year.

Please continue to keep their families and friends in your prayers.

Robert Kenneth Whitlatch
August 16, 1947 - November 12, 2022

Catherine M. Woodruff
February 20, 1937 - January 15, 2023

Theodore S. "Ted" Morgan
July 26, 1931 - February 9, 2023

Kenneth L. Wise
April 28, 1956 - February 24, 2023

Edith Krasley
August 26 1926 - March 21 2023

Dale B. Reichenbach
July 7, 1955 - April 10, 2023

William Latta
June 8, 1945 - October 12, 2023



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 18th at 8:00 am. There will be donuts and coffee!

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



Cemetery Price Changes



There will be an increase in cemetery prices, effective 1/1/24.

If you are interested in details, contact Wayne Freese.

This is first increase in 4 years.

Blessing of the Hounds

On Thanksgiving morning, November 23rd 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!



Blessing of the French Hounds

Speaking of hounds....

After worship on October 15th, Pastor Doug and some members of the church met up with Skycastle French Hounds (basset) for a Blessing of the Hounds on their 75th anniversary.

The Blessing was held at the grave of the founder, Elizabeth (Putnam) Streeter in the St. Peter's cemetery.

After the Blessing, members were invited to join Skycastle at Hallman's Farm.



Bear Fair

Come one, come all to St. Peter's annual Bear Fair. This year they will be going to send cheer and comfort to the following organizations: Pocopson Home in Chester County, St. Mary's Shelter, Mission First and GEMMA. The Bear Fair begins on November 5th and ends on November 26th. Just a reminder we can only accept new. Thank you for your generous support. We are most grateful.



CONCERT

The St. Peter's Pikeland Concert Series is pleased to announce its 12th concert installment coming up on Saturday afternoon, Nov 18th @ 3:00pm in the sanctuary. Veronika Roemer, violist and lyrist, and accompanied by Kat Bowman on the piano, presents a program of classics for the viola. Hear works by Schubert, Vivaldi, and Vaughan Williams, among others.

Veronika and Kat are pleased to bring you this wonderful afternoon of music.

A reception and the opportunity to meet the artists will follow the performance. If you would like to donate wine or a dessert to the reception, please contact Kat. This is a free concert, but a free-will offering is appreciated.



Sunday, December

7:00 pm

More details to come for those who wish to be an active part in the service!

Please see page 5 for Bethany Children's Home Christmas Wish List, as we collect items for Bethany the night of the Hanging of the Greens.

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!



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 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 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
- 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

A Letter from Virginia Lawrence



To St. Peter's Pikeland UCC,

Thank you for honoring the ninety year old + members on September 17th. It was good to be in church and see old friends. I miss attending services.

Thanks for my wrist corsage, table centerpiece flowers, and the lovely luncheon. The committee provided a lovely celebration for all. It was much appreciated.

Thanks to everyone,
Virginia Lawrence

P.S. I'm still trying to decide if it's good to be the oldest member!!

Passing

Bill Latta passed away on October 12. Please keep Pam and Bill's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Marriage

On Saturday, October 21st, Christine Merryman and Michael Terlisner here at St. Peter's.



December Highlights



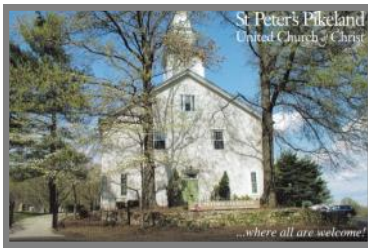
3rd- Hanging of the Greens 7 pm

15th- Caroling 7pm

24th- Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm Family Service

9:00 pm Candlelight 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 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

Ann, niece of Linda Johnson's friend

Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths

Barbara Shivers

Bobby, Eric Johnson's cousin

Carol Meyer

Cathy Moffa, friend of Don and Gwen Davidson

Connie Hershey, friend of Micki and Alyssa Jenkins

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

Friends and family of Stan, Bob McClimon's cousin

Guinevere, granddaughter of friend of Dee McClimon

Gwen Davidson

Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson

Jashawn 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

Nancy Harris

Nancy Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman

Pattie and Charlie Freeman, friends of the Bowman's

Patrick, friend of Dee McClimon

Patty English

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