



August Mini Beacon



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On Sunday September 29, 2019 you are invited to rekindle your love for and connection to our church. We are going to celebrate our heritage and we want you to join us for this special occasion. Some of our current but 'senior' members are going to take us down memory lane.

We will worship together at 10AM and then gather in Fellowship Hall to get reconnected. We will share memories and break bread together - our menu will bring back memories of our famous Ham and Roast Beef Supper, albeit simplified!

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Room to Read



Start gathering those gently used books! September is Room to Read month, one of our church's missions. Our focus on the Girls' Education Program of Room to

Read helps send girls to school for a year. Room to Read is active in 10 countries - such as Nepal and Bangladesh. \$300 can keep a girl in school for a year. Our goal this year is to send 19 girls to school. But we need your help for our September book sale! We need current books - fiction, non-fiction, children's, young adult – recent bestsellers are greatly appreciated! Please bring your donations to the lower level of Fellowship Hall, before August 28. Our Room to Read mission is led by Diane Dunn, who will be assisted by Jane Breisch, Wayne Freese and Cindy Maguire. We are looking for more volunteers!!!! Please let Diane, Wayne, Jane or Cindy know if you are interested.

Vacations

Pastor Doug will be away August 12-19

Pastoral concerns may be directed to Annamae Moore, Pastoral Care Coordinator for the church. If an ordained minister is needed, please contact Pastor Doug directly at: 610-597-2245

The substitute preacher on Sunday, August 18th will be Rev. Patti Thomas. Rev. Thomas was ordained at St. John's UCC, Lansdale, where Pastor Susan also was ordained. Rev. Thomas served as the Pastor of St. Paul's UCC, Sellersville, from 2007-2016.

Secretary, Jill Cook will be away August 12-20

E-mails and messages will be checked periodically throughout the week, however, if you need immediate attention, please contact Annamae Moore.





Can you remember?

- Uncle Jack's pants catching fire;
- The great window debate;
- The St. Peter's Baseball Team;
- Who hand built the cross in the sanctuary;
- Where the mythical Indian grave plot is located;
- When our current sanctuary was built;
- The connection between George Washington and our church;
- What pastor served the longest; and, Who is our oldest member.

Undoubtedly you have memories that you want to share.

A special invitation to our musical family:

Anyone that sang in our Junior Choir, we want you to relive the experience! We will gather all who ever sang in the Junior Choir (even the folks who were on Anne's bad list) to assemble during our worship service and sing together once again.

Anyone that ever sang with our Senior Choir, you are invited to join with our current Choir members to offer your voices in a great sound of joy. Kat Bowman will lead you through music that will bring back great memories.

St. Peter's is far more than fond memories – we are an active and vital community of people still reaching out to help others. We want to share our good news with you. **Please make an effort to join us for this very special worship service on Sunday September 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM.**

We are trying to reach out to all who have had an association with our church. If you are aware of a friend or relative that we may have missed, please share this invitation with them and ask them to join you on the 29th. A special note to families that have raised multiple generations in St. Peter's. We need your help in encouraging your kids/grandkids etc. to join us for this memorable gathering. In many cases we do not know how to contact your kids or grandkids and are counting on you to be our messenger by extending our invitation to them.

So that we can make sure that we have enough roast beef, please let us know if you and your family can join us. Call the church at 610-933-6419 or send us an email at: stpeterspikelanducc@verizon.net

Yours in Christ's Love

The Members and Friends of St. Peter's

Book Club

We had a lovely time at the house of Diane Dunn, discussing *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. A number of daughters joined us, including Jackie Warner, who works with people who have autism. Since the protagonist has autism, this was especially helpful.

Our next meeting will be in September. The book and host are still to be determined. We are sending out a survey to our book club, so please contact Diane Dunn at Highmeadow00@gmail.com if you don't receive one.



St. Peter's Concert Series Concert



"Beyond the Sea"

Join us on Friday, August 23rd at St. Peter's at 7:30 pm. for an evening of water inspired music.

The Cunningham Community Choir is a summer-only group that comes together from various local choirs. The director is Sean Burman and Kat is going to be accompanying. This is a co-hosted event between St Peter's and the Cunningham Music School, located in King of Prussia.

A reception will follow in fellowship hall. If you'd like to donate food or wine, please contact Kat Bowman at katbowman13@gmail.com



Looking ahead, mark your calendars for 3pm on October 12, where we will be having Chaz Aguado, classical guitarist, next up on the concert series.

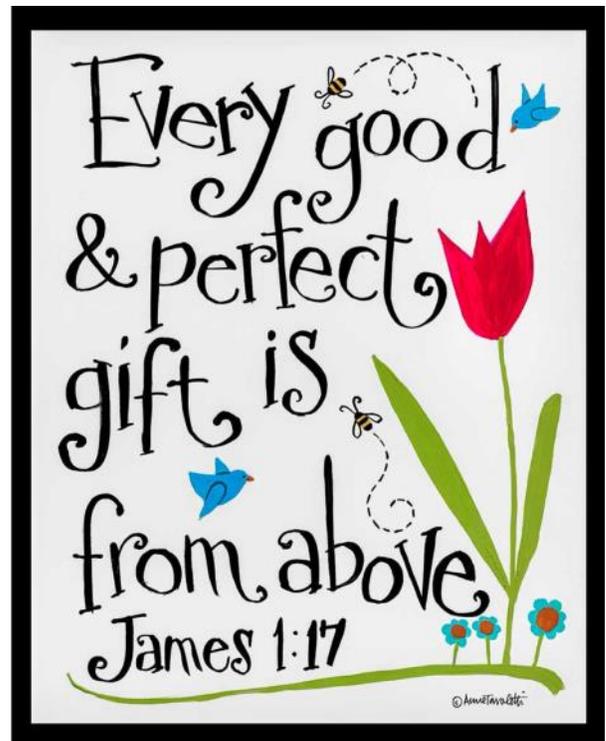
SEWING CIRCLE

The Sewing Circle's Summer Luncheon will be held at Chadwick's in Audubon at noon on Wednesday, August 14th. If anyone needs direction or more information they can contact Kathleen Wachsmuth.



Sewing Circle Singers

On Sunday, July 21 our Sewing Circle singers and some of our Bible Study ladies sang a "mature" version of *Jesus Loves Me* as our special music during worship.



7 Minute Gift with God

-Julie Beatty

Prayer is so powerful- it is how we communicate with God! Over the next 2 months we will look at some verses pertaining to prayer. The bible gives us insight and guidelines into the power of prayer and what may be hindering our prayers. I find so much comfort knowing we can talk to God at any time of the day or night. I'm grateful that he's never too busy to hear our prayers and act on our behalf.

Psalm 5:3: "In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

The attitude we should have when we pray is that of eager expectation. We should believe God will answer our prayers and we can wait in eager anticipation for God to work on our behalf. This passage also shows us when we pray early in the day, we have the rest of the day to anticipate God's answer. I always find my day is better when I start in prayer- my day may not go perfectly and rarely does, but I usually respond better when I pray first thing in the morning and ask God for his help getting through the day. *What do you need God to help you with today?*

Psalm 66:18: If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

This verse shows us a major hindrance to God hearing our prayers—unconfessed sin.

We all sin, and it is important to understand what "cherished." sin is - to cherish sin means to embrace it and hold on to it, and refuse to give it up. This is very different from committing a sin that we regret, and confess as soon as the Holy Spirit brings it to our attention. *Say a prayer and ask God to show you any sin in your life.*

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

God doesn't expect us to be sinless, but he does call us to deal with our sin as soon as possible. We can't live a consistently sinful lifestyle and expect God to hear our prayers.

Do you need to ask God for forgiveness in an area of your life?

1 John 5:14: This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

God delights in answering prayers that align with his will, but how do we know what God's will is? You learn God's will by reading the Bible and praying, we get to know His heart and gain wisdom and spiritual insight. God answers every prayer that aligns with his will. We may not get the answer we want, but we can trust that God knows what is best for us.

I have found that the secret to being content and having peace is to ask God for what I want and to be able to rest in the knowledge that if it is right, God will make it happen in His timing (we usually have some waiting to do). If it is not right, God will do something much better than we asked for.

My prayer for us all is that we will never take for granted the privilege and the power of prayer and that we take time to pray starting first thing in the morning!





August Birthdays

John Pandjak	8/1
Bobby McClimon	8/4
Shirley Detwiler	8/5
Rob Whitlatch	8/6
Jan Mest	8/7
Dan McClimon	8/7
Elizabeth Cavan	8/7
Jill Kelly	8/9
Joann Thomson	8/10
Garrett Harlow	8/12
Joan Fink	8/14
Cindy Gorge	8/14
James Wachsmuth	8/14
Carol Hughes	8/15
Ken Whitlatch	8/16
Avery Blue	8/16
Samantha Brinton	8/18
Sandy Raichle	8/21
Grace Merryman	8/22
Logan Cheney	8/23
Jim Hall	8/27
Virginia Lawrence	8/28
Benjamin Neiman	8/28
Julie Myers	8/29
Matt Zaro	8/30
Judy Shupe	8/31



Wedding Anniversaries

Dan and Jill Cook
 Don and Gwen Davidson
 Jim and Jill Kelly
 Carol and Fred Krisch
 Norman and Nancy Norris
 Albert and Kathleen Wachsmuth
 Fred and Charlotte Wookey
 Charlie and Judy Shupe

Celebrating a Birth

Ireley Mabel Thompson was born on July 13th to Laura and Kyle Thompson. Grandparents, Brian and Tracy Neiman and Great Grandmother, Jean Neiman are beyond thrilled!



Passing



Albie Raichle passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 7th. His life was celebrated here at St. Peter's on Saturday, July 20 during a beautiful and moving service. Please keep Dottie and the Raichle families in your thoughts and prayers.

Moved

Don and Gwen Davidson have moved and have requested that we share their new address with our church family. We wish Don and Gwen the best as they begin a new chapter.

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Looking ahead to September

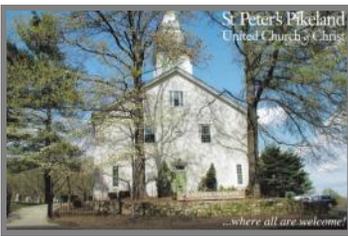
Sunday, September 1st- Communion

Sunday, September 15th- Rally Day (First day of Sunday School)

Senior Choir returns

Room To Read Sunday

Sunday, September 29th- Heritage Sunday



Church Staff

Rev. Douglas Hanson,

Pastor

Annamae Moore,

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Kat Bowman,

Director of Music and

Organist

Jill Cook,

Church Secretary

Deborah Wetty,

Nursery Attendant

Debbie Wolk,

Bookkeeper

Wayne Freese

Cemetery Manager

Church Officers 2019

President of Congregation –

Mark Myers

Secretary of Congregation –

Kathleen Wachsmuth

President of Consistory –

Peter Warner

Secretary of Consistory –

Michelle Case

Treasurer – Ken Whitlatch

Elders

Kathleen Wachsmuth- Chair
Michelle Case, Ben Campbell,
Wayne Freese, Deb Wetty,
Cathy Woodruff

Deacons

Bill Latta– Chair
Alexis McCarthy,
Joe Thomson, Pete Warner,
Doug Yeakle, Chris Zaro

Trustees

Fred Wookey III-Chair
Fred Krisch, Rich Nicholson,
John Pandjak, Scott Raichle,
Peter Wilson

Andrea Lafleur

Anthony Didesidero, friend of Anne Breiling

April Alcon, Karen Dick's cousin

Baby Valentina, friend of Anne Breiling

Baby James, friend of Anne Breiling

Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths

Brandy Rhodes, Gail Phillips' nephew

Caitie Blazic and baby Nicholas, friend of Judy Smythe

Carol Meyer

Charles Paul Michener, Paul Michener's father

Charlie Sproule, Jr.

Chris and Christian Amore, friends of Grace Merryman

Chris Webb, son of a friend of Lynn Mailey

Clarice Bowman

Debbie Sproule

Diane DeForrest, Kathleen Wachsmuth's niece

Doris Ingham, Joyce Rosen's mother

Don Basile, Jennifer Basile's father-in-law

Donna Rhodes, Gail Phillips' sister

Dudley Smythe

Friends and family of Albie Raichle

Friends and family of Janet Twarogowsky Jepsen

Greg Francis, Lee Ann Michener's brother

Hunter Firment, Nancy Smith's Grandson

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's newborn grandson

Jane Ann Bell, sister of Joe Thomson

Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner

Jennifer Newell, Beth Newell's Sister-in-law

Jennifer Osborne

Joan Fink

John Edwards, friend of Linda Johnson

John Kleinstuber, Jean Neiman's Son in law

Judy Warner, Pete Warner's mother

Justin, friend of Judy Smythe

Kerri Haseman, Jane and Bob Breisch's niece

Kevin Snyder, CEO of Bethany Children's Home

Leila Page

Margaret Breiling

Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys

Mike Melnich

Mike Solerno, friend of the Micheners

Pauline Kern

Peter Lenichek, Anne Breiling's cousin

Peter Mahler, friend of Smythes

Reagan Basile

Rick Cassidy, friend of the Davidsons

Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister

Sally Mehrens, sister of Lynn Mailey

Sandy Miller, cousin of Virginia Garber

Sharon Divis, daughter of Judy Smythe

Sue McVay, friend of Mary Jo Pandjak

Sydney Cagle

Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister

Sylvia Lawson

Tom Yeakle

Ursula Lusch

Vicki Johnson, friend of the Micheners

Virginia Fledderjohn

Our Prayer List

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

