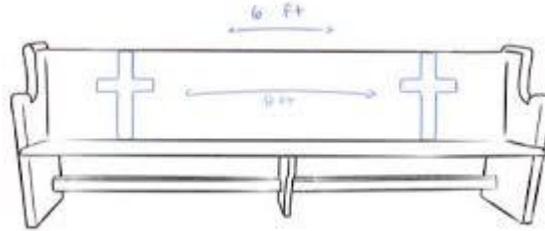




August Mini Beacon



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As of Sunday, July 5th, we have been holding worship services once again in the sanctuary. While this new “normal” is far from ideal, it is a joy to be back together again. Everyone has done exceedingly well in following our safety precautions (listed on page 3)

For those viewing our services from home, please be assured that we will continue to provide the recorded services via e-mail.

This has been a difficult time, but St. Peter’s Pikeland will continue to serve God gladly and gratefully.

Room to Read

Room to Read Update



Well, we’ve all had plenty of time to read in the last several months! Although the recent Covid-19 pandemic has curtailed our lives, we certainly don’t want to forget

about the girls in developing countries who still struggle to stay in school to get an education and succeed in ending the poverty cycle.

September has been our Room to Read month. However this year we’ve decided to postpone our fundraiser until October. Please stay tuned for more details as we get closer to October. We would still love to have our Book Sale, but we need to see how it can be done safely. If you purchased books this year, please consider donating them to our fundraiser, so others can enjoy them too. Books (recent releases only, please) can be left under the covered entrance at Fellowship Hall.

Thank you – and – stay tuned!
Diane Dunn, chair
Jane Breisch
Wayne Freese
Cindy Maguire

A Note on Offering

Dear Church Family,

As we approach our fifth month in this time of the global pandemic, we can’t thank you enough for the mailed-in contributions you have been continuing to send during these unprecedented times. As we are sure you are aware, our expenses continue even as attendance has dropped, and your continued support is crucial to our continuing operations.

Our church community is still very much alive, well and vibrant. Please continue to send your generous contributions if you can, and if you need any assistance whatsoever, please feel free to let us know.

We are in this together and we are there to help those in need.

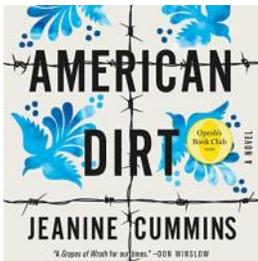


Book Club



Another lovely book club meeting- this time in person- with our hostesses Wachsmuth! Catered with Cupkik Bakery's cupcakes (shout out to Laura Dick!)

We discussed *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. An excellent book and discussion. Our next book is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. The plan is to meet at the home/porch of Diane Dunn on September 16. We will keep in touch as it gets closer.



Please consider taking a larger role in our book club. Diane will be stepping down, and we can have someone else take over, or split the role- or even have the role travel between different people. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, contact Diane at Highmeadow00@gmail.com.

Summer Sunday School

Because of Covid, we are not going to be holding Summer Sunday School during worship service. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to gathering again as classes when it is safe and healthy for all!

In the meantime, please send in your photos of what you are doing at home to celebrate summer! We'll share everyone's photos in the next Beacon!



SEWING CIRCLE

**DIAPERS DIAPERS DIAPERS:
ALL SIZES NEEDED**

As we approach the end of summer please think about helping the Sewing Circle with items needed for the agencies we support:

Chester County Intermediate Unit
Genesis Pregnancy Care Center
Phoenixville Area Learning Center
Silver Springs/Martin Luther School
Pocopson Home
Chester County Prison Chaplain

YOU CAN DROP ITEMS AT THE CHURCH.

Any questions call or email

Kathy Krasley 484-716-8965 kkrasley@ptd.net

or Kathleen Wachsmuth 610-804-6411

wachsmuth2@aol.com



Amazon Smile

1/2% of all of your Amazon.com purchases can be donated directly to the church, at no cost to you! We have enrolled St. Peter's in Amazon Smile.

Here is how it works:

Whenever you make a purchase through Amazon, type "Amazon Smile" or "smile.amazon.com" in your browser and enter the Amazon site through that link.

Select *St Peters Pikeland United Church of Christ* from the drop down menu that lists *Charities*. Or use this link to go directly to our page: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1608263>

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!

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You shop. Amazon gives.



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
Lexi Smith	8/9
Jill Kelly	8/9
Joann Thomson	8/10
Garrett Harlow	8/12
Joan Fink	8/14
Cindy Gorge	8/14
Samantha McCabe	8/14
James Wachsmuth	8/14
Carol Hughes	8/15
Ken Whitlatch	8/16
Avery Blue	8/16
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

Bible Study Online with Zoom

Pastor Doug began a weekly Bible study online using Zoom back in early June, as a way to stay connected with our members.

**These Zoom Bible Studies will continue on
Tuesdays at 7:00pm.**

The Meeting ID will always be the following: 797-269-4815
 The Password will always be "bible."

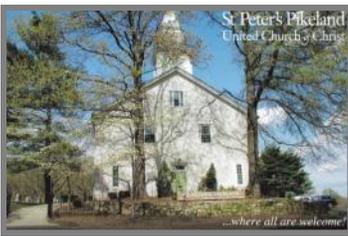


Re-Opening Precautions

Even though Chester County is now in the "green phase," we won't yet be able to return to our pre-pandemic, normal kind of Sunday morning.

Below are the restrictions and safety measures for the reopening of our church:

- Everyone entering the church *must wear a mask* during the service. One-time use masks will also be available at the entrance of the church, if needed
- There will be no greeter or ushers at the door, but the following will be in each entrance: hand sanitizer, bulletins, and offering baskets.
- When finding a place to sit, households may sit together. However, all others must sit a minimum of six feet apart. This means only three in a pew, if not from the same household.
- Every other pew will be closed off to prevent someone sitting directly behind someone else.
- At least for awhile, there will be no congregational hymn singing, as it has been determined that singing spreads the coronavirus more than normal speaking. Kat will be asking various members to sing hymns up front, well away from the pews.
- The *balconies will be closed*, unless more seating is needed. Then, only the parking lot side will be opened.
- In the downstairs bathrooms, please restrict use to one person at a time.
- After the service, waste baskets will be available in the entrances for your bulletins.
- Please do not congregate in the aisles or entrances for conversations.
- There will be no fellowship time after the worship services. However, it's understood that some may want to have a conversation outside. Even then, we encourage masks and social distancing.
- All door handles, stair railings, tops of pews, and bathroom fixtures will be wiped down with disinfectant before the service.
- Bibles and hymnals will be removed from the pews.
- Nursery care will not be available.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home and enjoy the service online.
- If you think that you may have been exposed to the coronavirus, please wait a minimum of two weeks to come to church.



Our Prayer List

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Church Staff

Rev. Douglas Hanson,

Pastor

Annamae Moore,

Worship 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 2020

President of Congregation –
Jim Phillips

Secretary of Congregation –
Kathleen Wachsmuth

President of Consistory –
Peter Warner

Secretary of Consistory –
Michelle Case

Treasurer – Ken Whitlatch

Elders

Michelle Case- Chair
Ben Campbell, Wayne Freese,
Judy Shupe, Deb Wetty, Dave Zimm

Deacons

Bill Latta, Alexis McCarthy,
Pete Warner, Doug Yeakle, Chris Zaro

Trustees

Fred Wookey III-Chair
Mark Myers, John Pandjak
Scott Raichle, Peter Wilson,
Drew Zummo

Andrea Lafleur

Anthony Didesidero, friend of Anne Breiling

Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths

Bob Dewilde

Brandy Rhodes, Gail Phillips' nephew

Caitie Blazic and baby Nicholas, friend of Judy Smythe

Carol Meyer

Charlie Sproule, Jr.

Chris Saunders, friend of Micki Menkins

Chris Webb, son of a friend of Lynn Mailey

Clarice Bowman

Claude Grubbs, friend of Doug Fink

Doris Ingham, Joyce Rosen's mother

Donna Rhodes, Gail Phillips' sister

Greg Francis, Lee Ann Michener's brother

Hunter Firment, Nancy Smith's Grandson

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's newborn grandson

Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner

Jean Pool

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

Jennifer Osborne

Joan Fink

John Edwards, friend of Linda Johnson

Kerri Haseman, Jane and Bob Breisch's niece

Kevin Snyder, CEO of Bethany Children's Home

Linda Halpern, Joyce Rosen's Sister in Law

Margaret Breiling

Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys

Mike Solerno, friend of the Micheners

Pamela (Miller) Murphy

Pat Cline, Cindy Warner's mother

Patty Myers

Peter Lenichak, 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

Sharon Divis, daughter of Judy Smythe

Sue McVay, friend of Mary Jo Pandjak

Sydney Cagle

Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister

Sylvia Lawson