



# THE BEACON:

## St. Peter's on the Hill

*"Let your light shine before others"*

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### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday this year is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, marking the beginning of the church season of Lent.

A Communion service will be held at 7:30pm, which will include the imposition of ashes.

Ash Wednesday and the forty days of Lent are to be a time to grow closer to God, in anticipation of the great and miraculous gift of Easter morning and the Resurrection. We are to remember our human "predicament" of pain and suffering, and our great need for the grace of God, found in Christ, and in the Resurrection Promise.



### New Consistory Members Installed

On Sunday, January 29th, 4 new Consistory members were installed during worship service.

- ◆ Deacon– Herman Nieuwenhuizen
- ◆ Elder– Deb Wetty
- ◆ Trustees– Bob McClimon and Ray Perry

Thank you to the new members of Consistory who have committed to serving the church in various ways for the next three years.

On page 5, you will find the full listing of Consistory members and chairs.



### Mission Sunday –Pastor Doug



Every year on the last Sunday in February, we lift up our church's great efforts in outreach beyond the church walls; both locally and internationally.

**The theme of the service is "Mission Sunday."**

This year's Mission Sunday falls on February 26<sup>th</sup>, which is also the first Sunday of Lent. One might think that these two themes wouldn't find common ground:

Lent speaks of our fallenness in this world. It recognizes how caught our world is in a cycle of sin and suffering.

Mission Sunday celebrates the good we do in helping others find hope and belief in life and in goodness.

*The connecting thread that brings these two themes together is the following:*

Yes, during Lent we confess that we are dust, and to dust we return. BUT, Lent then recognizes that, with God, by grace, hope can abound and peace can be found.

Lent says that, though we are fallen, in spite of that, we still can partner with God for good.

We can be stewards of Good News.

And so, I invite all to turn closer to God in the upcoming Lenten season, but not simply in remorse, for the Good News of heaven is greater than anything of this world.

# PACS Food Drive Continuing

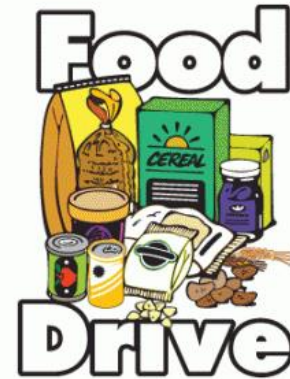
PACS Food Drive continues thru February. Please help us stock their shelves with the items listed in the Bulletin or from the list below:

If you prefer not to shop and would like to make a contribution, we will be happy to accept cash donations and do the shopping for you!

They cannot accept open/expired food or glass containers.

## These are the items most needed as of 2/1/23:

- Honey
- Mayonnaise
- Juice
- Salty snacks (terra chips, mixed nuts, hippeas, skinny pop chips, pretzels, popcorn, tortilla chips)
- Healthy snacks (trail mix, granola bars, kind bars)
- Salad Dressing
- Sugar
- Flour
- Similac Advance Formula
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Cookies
- Relish
- Pickles
- Alfredo Sauce



## NON-FOOD ITEMS NEEDED AND CANNOT BE PURCHASED WITH SNAP:

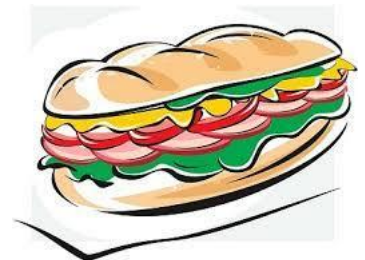
- Diapers (Size 5, 6, 7)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Body Wash
- Feminine Products
- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shaving Creme
- Disposable Razors

When buying boxed mac and cheese or pancake mix, look for the ones that only need water. With the increasing cost of butter, milk and eggs, people don't always have access to those ingredients to add to their boxed meals.

## Sewing Circle Hoagie Sale to Benefit Bethany Children's Home

On Sunday, February 26th and March 5th, we will be taking orders for Foresta's delicious hoagies. The price is \$6 each. Pick up is Sunday, March 12th after worship.

If you would like to donate, but don't want to order a hoagie, the Sewing Circle will be happy to accept your donation through their "Bake-less Bake Sale."



## Worship Volunteers Needed

Please see the charts hanging in Fellowship Hall, or contact the church office to sign up for flowers, lector, usher or social hour.



We have many Sunday slots to be filled in the coming months. Thank you to all who have signed up so far!

## Zoom Bible Study



If you are interested in joining a new group for Zoom Bible Study, please contact Pastor Doug or the Church Office.

The Bible study will be held from 7:00-8:00pm one evening a week; either on a Tuesday or Thursday.

The theme each week of the Bible study will be independent of other weeks, so that no one who misses a week will be behind.

## Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who stayed after church to help with the Un-Hanging of the Greens. Many hands made for lighter work for all.



## Commitment Forms

If you have not yet returned your 2023 commitment for to the church, please do so at your earliest convenience. These forms help us to plan our budget.

## A Taste of Phoenixville Success– 2023



The 22nd Annual Taste of Phoenixville fundraiser this year for Good Samaritan Services was a success, thanks to the efforts and generosity of the local community.

Good Samaritan would like to express their gratitude for all who participated and helped to make this a great success.

## Event at Bethany

Bethany Children’s Home would like to invite you to their Purse Bingo!



**Purse & Cash Bingo**

*Pre-game before the Big Game!*

**Sunday, Feb. 12**

**Temple Fire Company**  
10:45 a.m.: Doors open  
Noon: First game

**\$35 per person**  
(\$45 at the door)

- 50/50 raffle
- Basket raffles
- Full cash bar
- Concessions

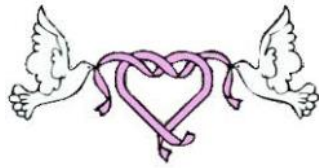
**For tickets:**  
Visit [bethanyhome.org](http://bethanyhome.org)  
Contact Dana Hoffman  
610.589.6826 or  
[dhoffman@bethanyhome.org](mailto:dhoffman@bethanyhome.org)



**Come celebrate 160 years of Bethany!**  
All proceeds benefit Bethany Children's Home.

# Birthdays

- Douglas Hanson 2/1
- Lisa Wilson 2/1
- Sarah Hackman 2/2
- Tyler McClimon 2/2
- Geoff Osborne 2/2
- Chase Nicholson 2/5
- Chris Zaro Jr 2/7
- JB Osborne 2/8
- William Carnevale 2/8
- Reka Nance 2/10
- Jill Cook 2/11
- Vicki Hennig 2/13
- Brian Michener 2/13
- Emily Gorge 2/13
- Janna Barney 2/13
- Wayne Freese 2/14
- Rylin Montieth 2/15
- Eric Hanson 2/17
- Chris Maguire 2/17
- Dana Lorenz 2/19
- Don Giordano 2/22
- Cherri Romano 2/24
- Chris Zaro Sr. 2/25
- Drew Zummo 2/25
- Barbara Murdoch 2/28
- Isabella Giordano 2/28
- Gail Freese 2/28



## Anniversary Steve and Kathy Krasley 2/2

### Thank You

Thanks to the work of Santa Fred and the generous giving from our congregation, St. Mary’s Shelter and Bethany Children’s Home were both delighted and very thankful for the donation.



### Passing



Catherine M. Woodruff, 85, passed away peacefully on January 15th, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. A service was held here at St. Peters on Saturday, January 28th.

For Cathy’s obituary, you may click this link <https://www.jamesterryfuneralhome.com/tributes/Catherine-Woodruff>

### Wedding

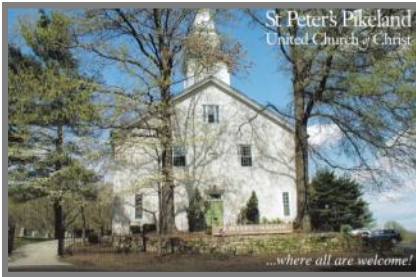
On December 28th, Mitchell Warner and Audrey Rittenhouse were married at Elmwood Park Zoo. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Doug.



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## 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 –  
Michelle Case

## **Elders**

Michelle Case- Chair  
Maureen Wookey,  
Kathleen Wachsmuth  
Deb Wetty

## **Deacons**

Diane Campbell,  
Herman Nieuwenhuizen,  
Jim Phillips

## **Trustees**

Fred Wookey III- Chair  
Bob McClimon, Ray Perry,  
Peter Wilson,

# Our Prayer List

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers:

Andrea Lafleur

Angie Schlessman

Annamae Moore

Anthony Didesidero, friend of Anne Breiling

Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths

Barbara Shivers

Caitie Blazic and baby Nicholas, friend of Judy Smythe

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

Friends and family of Cathy Woodruff

Friends and family of Marv Rosen

Gwen Davidson

Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson

Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner

Jennifer Osborne

Jennifer Pasquarello, friend of Maureen Wookey

Jim May, friend of the Johnsons

JoAnn Warshaw-Godmother to Alyssa Menkins

Ken Wise

Laura Dick

Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson

Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys

Mia Nordhoff

Patty English

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