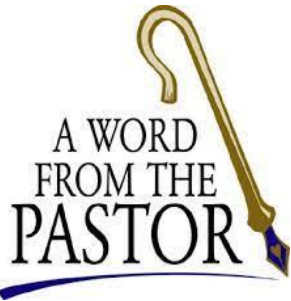




THE BEACON

June 2024

"Let your light shine before others"



Memorial Day Reflections.....

Memorial Day weekend in our country is full of get-togethers and picnics and a first dive into the still chilly waters of pools and lakes; maybe a few brave souls into the Jersey ocean.

And we know that, for countless families, there also are moments; moments of reflection on loved ones and friends lost to the horrors of war. Those thoughts are sometimes shared, or perhaps quietly held in the heart.

I saw an old photograph recently of the cemetery for the Sixth Marine Division in Okinawa after the battle there. Two of the Marines standing next to my father are buried there, but for my father, the wounds eventually healed.

When I looked at that photograph, I thought about how we got to be a family back home and grow up with all the usual joys and concerns. But for those troops, their history never moved on. Those battles, that war, that cemetery, will always be their history.

However, that history is, in truth, a legacy of sacrifice filled with honor that calls on us to remember and to be grateful.

As we enjoy the peace and safety and freedom of our country, from Memorial Day weekend to Independence Day and beyond, please remember to give thanks.

"Never was so much owed by so many to so few"
Winston Churchill

St. Peter's Pikeland Series presents...



Veronika Roemer, viola
Kat Bowman, piano

Saturday, June 8, 2024 @ 3:00pm

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of music, as Veronika and Kat present a program of works by Marais, Bach, Hindemith, and Britten. A reception and a chance to meet the artists will follow the concert. While this is a free concert, donations are appreciated and support the St. Peter's Pikeland Concert Series. We hope you can join us!

St. Peter's Pikeland UCC

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Outdoor Worship Service

This Sunday, June 2nd, come around back of Fellowship Hall to enjoy another outside worship service. Then, stick around for the ice cream social afterwards! The Thin Line will play some beloved old Gospel hymns for the service, and our graduates will be recognized also.

Before and after the service, games for the young and young-at-heart will be enjoyed out back.

Be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors!



Christina Whitlatch graduated, Summa Cum Laude, from St Joseph's University in Philadelphia with a Masters Degree in Organization Development and Strategic Leadership.

Bennett Nordhoff graduated from Delaware Valley University with a Bachelor of science in Wildlife Management & Conservation.

Andrew Wookey graduated with honors from Penn Western University at California with a BS in Fisheries & Wildlife Biology.

Adam Gingrich graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in ISE – Industrial and Systems Engineering.

SEWING CIRCLE NEWS

Sewing Circle Picnic

Our meetings are over and it's now time to relax, have some fun and just enjoy being together.



Our picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th at 11:30. Wendy and Dick Sherman are hosting at their home located at 3451 Wells Rd. Malvern. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Chicken and beverages will be provided. RSVP to Wendy (808-652-6345) by Sunday, June 9th. She wants to make sure there's enough chairs for everyone.

Bring your swimsuit and towel if you want to take a dip in the pool.

Spouses are invited.

Interested in carpooling from the church? Call Kathleen 610-804-6411 or Kathy 484-716-8965 to setup arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



The Trustees would like to make everyone aware that there is erosion at the far back corner of the parking lot across the street. If you find that you need to park in this lot, please do not park in the last two spaces closest to the far corner. For those of you who have participated in spring and fall cleanup, the erosion is occurring on the corner where we place leaves and brush. The Trustees are evaluating options for erosion control.

We continue to work on improving the WiFi in the church building. In this regard we have a new router from Verizon and are adding more signal capabilities in the sanctuary.

Calling on all memory! We would like to compile as much information as possible about past projects at the church. We have a Trustee's book which lists much of the detail about the church. However, it has become dated and needs to be updated. It would be nice to have this as a chronological record along with current information. If you have details about past projects, we would like to get it documented.

Travel Back in Time; A Trip with St. Peter's

- by Fred Wookey Jr.

Part Four

Our Founding forefathers Organize!

The following are the names of those given in the sheriff's return, in the order by that officer made, viz.: At the same time as these land transactions were taking place delegates from Zion's Lutheran living on this side of the French Creek purchased land on which to build a church... St. Peter's. "The first authentic record is that Michael King and Henry Hipple, on May 16, 1771, conveyed to Peter Hartman, George Emerie, Conrad Miller, and Adam Moses, as trustees, the former one acre and eight perches for twenty shillings, and the latter forty-five perches for five shillings. On this ground the Lutheran congregation erected... a log church." According to USGenWeb Archives by Sandra Ferguson there were 86 original 'subscribers' to this new church. It is interesting to note that only male names are listed. If you assume that most men were married with large families, it is likely that on any given Sunday in the early days 4-600 folks attended worship.

Imagine 4-600 folks in church every Sunday!

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

St. Peter's Pikeland Concert Series presents...

Veronika Roemer, violist, joins Kat Bowman, pianist, for another afternoon of music on Saturday, June 8th @ 3:00pm. The program includes works by Marais, Bach, Hindemith, and Britten, spanning almost four centuries of music history.

The final piece on the program is one of the most enigmatic pieces in the viola performance repertoire, and Veronika and Kat are excited to bring it to life. Written in 1950, the "Lachrymae" by Benjamin Britten was one of the last pieces that the composer ever wrote. Britten himself grew up playing the viola, which he started when he was nine years old. When he was 26 years old, Britten and his partner, Peter Pears, moved to the USA. As a parting gift, he was given a viola by his teacher, Frank Bridge, who was a great influence on Britten during his early years.

Britten eventually met the Scottish violist William Primrose in 1949, and wanted to entice him to participate in the Aldeburgh Music Festival. He promised to write them a piece to perform together, but Britten supposedly forgot about it. He received a call from Primrose the night before the festival, reminding him of the promised composition, and he scrambled to put the piece together overnight. The result is the beautiful "Lachrymae", which is based on a John Dowland tune. The piano introduces a snippet of the melody in the beginning of the piece, but then it disappears into obscurity for the rest of the variations, re-emerging at the end for a traditional harmonization of the tune.

You can hear this composition as part of our concert on June 8th. We encourage you to invite family and friends to this wonderful performance! If you are interested in bringing a bottle of wine or a dessert for the reception following the concert, please contact Kat. We hope to see you all there!

Anniversaries

June Birthdays

Raymond Merryman	6/1
Gary Cornog	6/2
Alyson Bierer	6/5
Nick Warner	6/5
Kathy Krasley	6/9
Jim Kelly	6/10
Tim Maguire	6/10
Ellie Stein	6/10
Isabella Griffetts	6/11
Scott Maguire	6/11
Jesse Green	6/11
Samuel Wachsmuth	6/11
Gail Dewees	6/14
Kathryn Kelly	6/15
John Gingrich	6/16
Nancy Norris	6/17
John Stewart	6/17
Wendy Sherman	6/19
Laura Dick	6/22
Dan Raichle	6/24
Kendall Johnson	6/25
Jonathan Booraem	6/25
Julia Barry (Griffin)	6/27
Mitchell Warner	6/27
Caroline Booraem	6/27
Leila Page	6/28
Sally Gale	6/28
Gail Raichle	6/29
Diane Yeakle	6/29
Fred Wookey III	6/30

Douglas and Julie Beatty
Michael and Karen Dick
Ken and Barbara Emery
David and Sally Gale
Sean and Denise Harlow
Paul and Alexis McCarthy

Richard and Jan Mest
McKendred and Reka Nance
Geoff and Janene Osborne
Dick and Wendy Sherman
Peter and Cindy Warner
Jennifer and Andrew Basile



Happy Father's Day!



Father's Day was **founded in Spokane, Washington, at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd**, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910.

Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there.

After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis's Mother's Day (featured in last month's Beacon) at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June.

Volunteers for Historical Display Case

Churches are filled with those who serve in "quiet ministries." One of those quiet ministries for years at St. Peter's has been the devoted work of Gail Freese, who oversees the care of our historical documents and objects. She also faithfully changes the items found in our display cases, where members pause to see and appreciate our church's history.

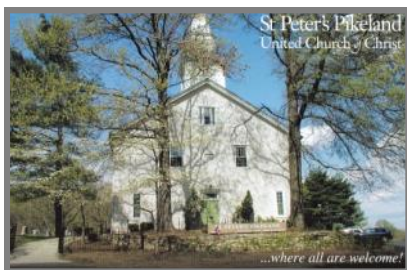
Gail is looking for a few volunteers who would enjoy displaying various historical items of our church through the year. She will be more than happy to act as a consultant for awhile as needed.

Is this something you might be interested in? Please let Pastor Doug know if you might consider helping to create various displays highlighting aspects of our church life together. Thank you.

Stay in touch with us

www.StPetersPikeland.org

On FaceBook as St. Peter's Pikeland United Church of Christ



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 2024

President of Congregation –
Mark Myers

Secretary of Congregation –
Kathleen Wachsmuth

President of Consistory –
Pete Warner

Secretary of Consistory –
Kathleen Wachsmuth

Elders

Kathleen Wachsmuth-Chair
Deb Wetty, Peter Wilson

Deacons

Herman Nieuwenhuizen,
Sarah Hackman
Pete Warner

Trustees

Fred Wookey III- Chair
Bob McClimon, Dave Wise Jr.

Allison Lockhart, sister of Rev. McLemore
Andrea Lafleur
Angie Schlessman
Ann Kieffer, cousin of Eric Johnson
Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths
Barbara Shivers
Bill Cochran, friend of Fred and Maureen Wookey
Carol Meyer
Connie Hershey, friend of Micki and Alyssa Menkins
Charlie Fishman, Pete Warner's Nephew and Godson
Chris Webb, son of a friend of Lynn Mailey
Debbie Rittenhouse, mother-in-law of Mitchell Warner
Earl Harvey, friend of Mackenzie Wookey
Friends and family of Jean Neiman
Friends and family of Lois Pollard, Karen Wilson's mother
Gail Grealey, cousin of the Wise family
Gwen Davidson
Grady Dendunnen, grandson of Ted and Helen Morgan
Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin
Jamie Glennon, friend of Eric Hanson
Jeff Johnson, Co-worker of Eric Johnson
Jennifer Osborne
Jim Smith, Denise Harlow's brother
John Pandjak
John Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman
Laura Dick
Lia Sawyer, friend of Cherri Romano
Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys
Michelle Ralston, friend of Maureen Wookey
Melinda Greenwood, cousin of Joe Thomson
Mike Brown
Nancy Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman
Pattie and Charlie Freeman, friends of the Bowman's
Patrick, friend of Dee McClimon
Richard, friend of Dee McClimon
Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister
Sally Mehrens, sister of Lynn Mailey
Sandy Pereni, Joyce Rosen's sister
Sharon Basile, Jennifer Basile's mother-in-law
Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister
Tara Cantello, friend of Denise Harlow