

March 2021

THE BEACON: St. Peter's on the Hill

"Let your light shine before others"



Holy Week Schedule

The custom of Holy Week services and observances began in the 3rd century. Holy Week marks the end of the church season of Lent. This year, Holy Week begins on March 28th with Palm Sunday. Easter will be on April 4th.

Because of the covid pandemic, we won't be combining any Holy Week services with our Lutheran sisters and brothers this year.

For Easter this year, we will have both a regular service and also a taped service emailed the day before Easter, to be viewed Easter morning. For those who are hesitant to attend church, we'll wish you a happy Easter with our service online.

PLEASE NOTE: For planning purposes, it would help to get a sense of how many will be attending the 10am Easter morning service. Please contact the church or Pastor Doug if you believe that you'll be attending.

Holy Week Schedule:

- March 28: Palm Sunday
- April 1: Mid-week service at 7:30pm
- April 4: Easter service at 10:00am, with a taped Easter service emailed the day before.



Holy Week

Fisherman's Breakfast

Given the reduced attendance at church during the pandemic we are going to once again delay hosting the fisherman's breakfast. We sincerely hope that as the pandemic passes, we can get back to normal and host a successful event. In the meantime, Habitat still needs funding to continue with the mission of uplifting families and providing them the opportunity to become self-sufficient homeowners. This has been an important mission for our church for many years and this is normally the time of year we are fundraising for Habitat. Our typical annual funding from the breakfast is \$2000.00 which we did not raise in 2020. We are asking that you keep this in mind as any contribution is appreciated. Checks can be made out to St. Peter's UCC, memo Habitat.

Sincerely,

Fred and Maureen Wookey



Spring Clean Up/Mulch Madness

Mark your calendars and set your alarms to be at the church on Saturday, March 20th at 8:00 am. The more hands we have, the easier the tasks will be! Please bring rakes and garden rakes, blowers and shovels.

(Rain date is Saturday, March 27th)





Many of you have logged in to your on-line directory account. Thank you for taking the time to update your information and add your photos. This on-line directory is a very helpful tool for our members to stay in touch and also help place faces with names. ***If you have not updated and added your photo yet, please do so as soon as possible.*** We would like to make paper copies of the directory available soon, but would like to be able to include correct information and photos. If you need help with this process, please contact Jill Cook in the church office.

Phoenixville Area Community

Thank you to all who donated food through the months of January and February for Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS).

This food drive is coordinated every winter by our Sewing Circle. Thank you to the members of the Sewing Circle who made sure these donations made it to the pantry! There are many in our local community in need of help putting food on the table, so again, thank you!



Phoenixville Area
Community Services

Social Hour Needs

Thank you to all who have been helping with our new social hour set up. In this time of Covid, we have modified our typical Social Hour after worship. We now offer individually packaged snacks and coffee at social hour. The snacks are here at the church and just need to be placed out on the table each Sunday.

If you want to sign up to help, please don't hesitate to reach out to Michelle Case or Kathleen Wachsmuth with any questions.



Altar Flowers and Lectors

We are currently looking for Lectors for April and May. If you are interested in signing up for a week, please contact the church office.

For anyone interested in providing flowers for Sunday worship, please contact the church office to sign up.

As we approach the Spring season, we'd like to get these dates filled.



Amazon Smile

How would you like to have 1/2% of all of your Amazon.com purchases be donated directly to the church, at no cost to you? We have enrolled St. Peter's in Amazon Smile and this is now possible. 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 Peter's Pikeland United Church of Christ from the drop down menu that lists charities (NO period or apostrophe in St Peter's). 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!



And tell all your friends to do the same. This is a great way to introduce them to St. Peter's, and the church will benefit from their purchases too.

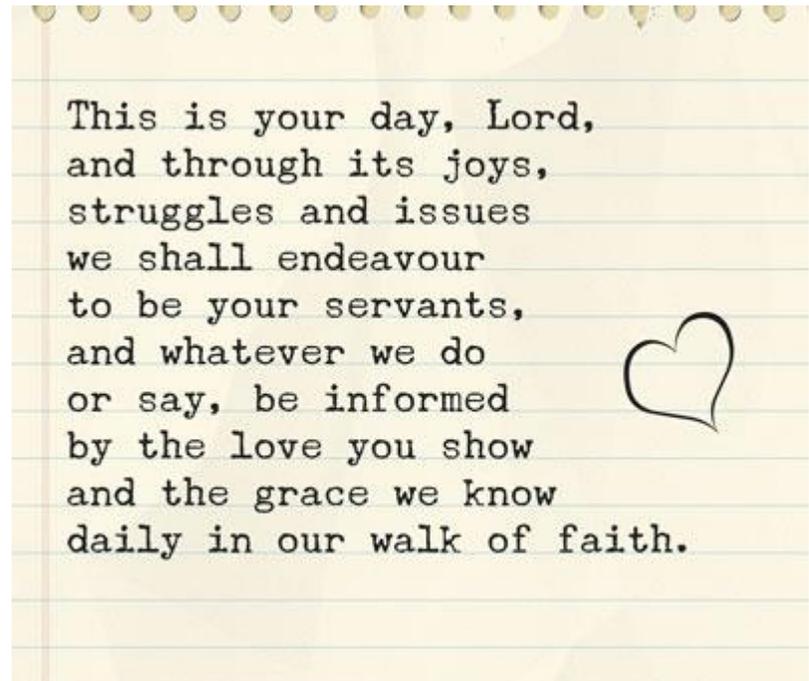
Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14th, so be sure, before going to bed on Saturday, March 13th to *move your clocks FORWARD one hour.*

Pastor Doug always feels bad when someone comes into church for worship each year, just as everyone is leaving!

March Birthdays

Vicki Goodman	3/1
Tom Raichle	3/2
Patrick McCarthy	3/2
Joe Thomson	3/3
Paul McCarthy	3/4
Mackenzie Blue	3/4
Scott Raichle	3/5
Charles Garber	3/5
Conner Harlow	3/6
Andrew Dick	3/6
Chad Sproule	3/9
Austin Myers	3/9
Matthew Detwiler	3/12
Ryan Nicholson	3/12
Laurel Wilson	3/14
Claire Wilson	3/14
Virginia Garber	3/15
Trish Cottone	3/16
Charlie Shupe	3/16
Madison Wachsmuth	3/20
James Carnevale	3/21
Dave Zinn	3/23
Ted Bierer	3/25
Dana Montieth	3/26
Barbara Borzillo	3/28
Ken Emery	3/30
Jane Breisch	3/30

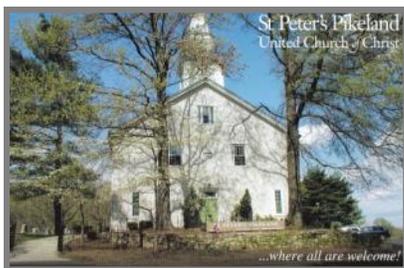


[Matthew 1:1-11](#) - Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' " Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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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

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 2021

President of Congregation –
Pete Warner

Secretary of Congregation –
Kathleen Wachsmuth

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Secretary of Consistory –
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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

Cathy Moffa, friend of Don and Gwen Davidson

Chris Saunders, friend of Micki Menkins

Chris Webb, son of a friend of Lynn Mailey

Clarice Bowman

Doris Ingham, Joyce Rosen's mother

Donna Rhodes, Gail Phillips' sister

Ethan, son of a friend of Dee McClimon

Friends and Family of John Edwards, friend of Linda Johnson

Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson

Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner

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

Jennifer Osborne

Joan Fink

John Pandjak

Kelly, Hunter & Hannah Firment, daughter & grandchildren of Nancy Smith

Kerri Haseman, Jane and Bob Breisch's niece

Linda Halpern, Joyce Rosen's Sister in Law

Margaret Breiling

Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys

Nancy Smith

Nelson, a friend of the Johnsons

Patty Myers

Peter Lenichek, Anne Breiling's cousin

Peter Mahler, friend of Smythes

Reagan Basile

Rick Cassidy, friend of the Davidsons

Rusty Tinsley, friend of the Johnsons

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

Sylvia Lawson