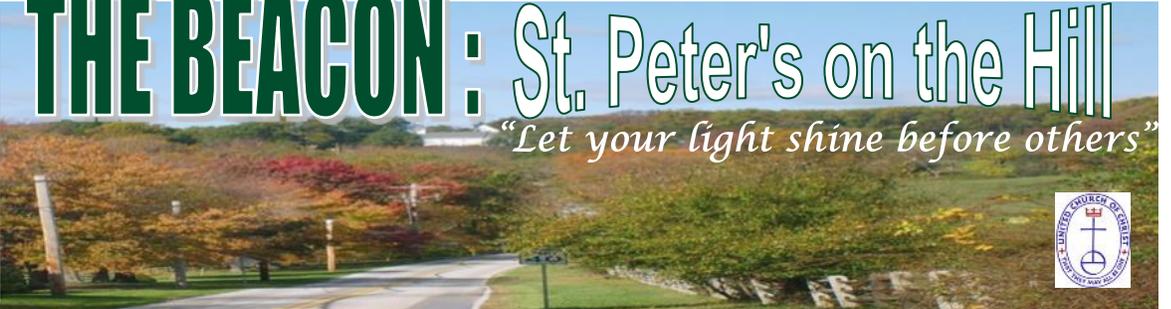
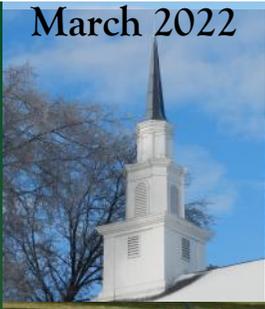


March 2022

THE BEACON: St. Peter's on the Hill

"Let your light shine before others"



*The
Season
of
Lent*



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday this year lands on March 2nd. It marks the beginning of the church season of Lent, a time of 40 days leading up to Easter, not including Sundays.

Ash Wednesday and Lent are a time of preparation, to understand our human predicament in a world full of sin and suffering, and our great need for God's grace, especially as seen in a Savior sent from heaven.

A 7:30 p.m. evening service will be held here at St. Peter's Pikeland

Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes will be offered.



Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, February 6th, our annual congregational meeting was held after worship. The meeting was led by Pete Warner, our Congregational President. Ken Whitlatch, our Treasurer, led the discussion of the budget, which was approved. There was no new business to bring up at the meeting.

Lenten Season Begins

The world is right now experiencing war in a way that it has not known since WWII. The shock is still upon us, with early photos of devastation reaching the news.

It's inevitable that people wonder how this could be happening, but for Christians, we know that human fallenness has always been a part of our reality.

Since Adam and Eve, who ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, humans have often forged their own paths without God; paths too often leading to dark days, devoid of heaven's light.

We are about to enter the season of Lent, when we once again humbly acknowledge our great need for God. The 21st century is no less in need of God than at any other time.

It should make sense for people to promote kindness, forgiveness, and caring for others, as the world would be a much better place. Sadly, such "logic" has never been predominant in human history. Instead, fear, suspicion, hatred and violence are part and parcel of the human experience; more like the human predicament.

Christians acknowledge the sad and powerful truth of sin, but we do not despair. Instead, we point to our hope, true hope. We proclaim nothing less than salvation, for the cross is not our destiny; rather, Easter morning is our truth and our guiding star.

And so, I pray that this Lenten season you consider "pausing" in your life; pausing to give time to your life beyond the urgencies of the day; pausing to consider again who you are in God; pausing to see clearly our human predicament, but also to embrace again the salvation of Easter morning.

May your Lenten journey toward Holy Week and the cross bring you closer to God through prayer, the Bible, worship, and service to others. Do this, not just for yourself, but also for a world that needs God as much as it did 2,000 years ago.

God bless you,
Pastor Doug

Social Hour Needs

Thank you to all who have been signing up to host social hour.



Please take a look at the sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office to sign up to host on an upcoming 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.

Ushers Needed



We are looking for Ushers to help with our Sunday worship. Please contact the church office or sign up on the sheets in Fellowship Hall.

Altar Flowers and Lectors

We are currently looking for Lectors in the upcoming months and members interested in providing flowers for Sunday worship,

If you are interested in signing up for a week, please contact the church office, or sign up on the sheets posted in Fellowship Hall.



Cemetery Notes

There are many families buried here, whose graves are regularly decorated, but these families no longer attend here. If you recognize any of the following names, please contact Wayne Freese with their contact info.

Vilale, Warsheski, Hendricks, Tos, Jacianis, Hamilton, Segner, Powell, Sholley, Snyder, Harn, Wesley, Logan, Todd, Patrick, Krasley, Trego, Mulcrone, Madigan, Logan, Salkeld and Staub.

Chili Cook Off Rescheduled

The Chili Cook Off that was scheduled for February 5 was canceled and will now be held on November 12th.



Start perfecting your chili recipes now!

Phoenixville Area Community



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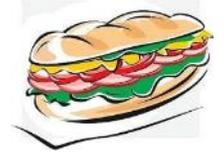
Thank you to all who donated food through the months of January and February for Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS).

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!

Sewing Circle Hoagie Sale

On Sunday, February 27th and March 6th, the Sewing Circle will be taking hoagie orders. All hoagies can be picked up after worship on Sunday, March 13th.

If you would like to donate, but do not wish to purchase a hoagie, the Sewing Circle will gladly accept your donation through their "Bake-less Bake Sale".



Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13h, so be sure, before going to bed on Saturday, March 12th 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!



Spring Clean Up

Mark your calendars and set your alarms to be at the church on Saturday, March 26th at 8:00 am. The more hands we have, the easier the tasks will be! Please bring rakes, garden rakes, and blowers. Donuts and coffee will be served!

(Rain date is Saturday, April 2nd)



Heifer Project Gift Fair

Its Heifer Project time! Typically each spring St Peter's Pikeland United Church of Christ holds a fair in support of Heifer Project International. But nothing is typical right now and this year, Heifer Sunday will be held on **Sunday, March 20, 2022.**

Solving the problem of world hunger is a heartfelt vision of many people but the sheer magnitude of the problem has overwhelmed agencies.

Heifer Project International (HPI) is the outgrowth of one man with a vision and a practical method of implementation that did not require inordinate financial underwriting. After serving as a relief worker in the Spanish Civil War in 1936, Dan West observed that there was no way to bring enough food to the children of Spain fast enough to address the deprivation that surrounded him daily. Mr West's concept was to bring cows to Spain to produce milk and to give a cow to a family with the stipulation that its offspring must be given to another family, who would in turn give a calf to yet another family! And so on and so on!

HPI started in 1942 with the first shipment of heifers delivered to Puerto Rico in 1944.

Animals are delivered to communities all around the globe. The species are selected to serve the environment and the needs of the community. In Honduras, beekeeping has brought multiple benefits to a community.

The bees pollinate crops and other flowering plants. They produce honey which is sold to the local population. In addition, sub industries have emerged that include a wax producing factory, hive manufacturing and honey processing factories, all from one gift of a beehive.

These farmers build human bridges between communities by passing knowledge, courage and dignity. It is a success story from our local generosity and kindness. You can participate by supporting the Heifer Project at St Peter's Pikeland United Church of Christ March 20, 2022. Your contributions fight hunger and poverty around the world and change people's lives.

Contributions to support Heifer can be made through offerings or at the Living Gift Market table in Fellowship Hall on March 20, 2022. No Fair this year, but we will have the Living Gift Market table at Fellowship Hall after services.

The Living Gift Market is a chance to change the lives of people. The gifts you can purchase include food and income-producing animals like goats, bees, chicks and heifers. The animals go to hungry, rural families around the world, including the USA, who are working to improve their lives. Heifer Project also provides the training in care of the animals and in enhancing the environment. The gifts are matched to each local environment.

Each Market gift gives over and over. Your gift of an animal and training to an impoverished family impacts the entire rural community. That family shares its knowledge and the animal's first offspring with another family. And that family shares. And the next and the next! In all this, you find the gift of peace, the gift of time and the gift of gratitude.

So help a great cause, helping people to help themselves!
Find a gift animal for that special someone!

See you Sunday March 20, 2022



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



Super Bowl Sunday

The worship service on Sunday, February 13 reflected the Super Bowl theme of the day. Pastor Doug and some in attendance wore favorite team apparel.

Maureen Wookey and Pastor Doug presented a dialogue sermon, with the pastor covering the theme of football, and Maureen connecting it to our faith.

Thank you to all who brought in a can of soup for the Super/Souper Bowl Sunday.

The Wookeys prepared a football-themed social hour after worship.



April Highlights

Holy Week:

April 10th– Palm Sunday

April 14th– Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm

April 15th– Good Friday Service 7:30 pm

April 17th- Easter Sunday

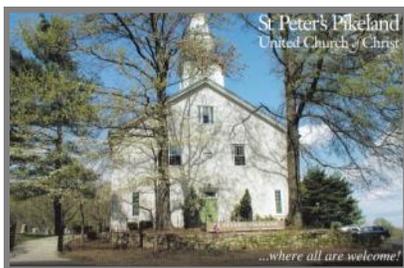
8:00 am Communion service

10:00 am Family service

April 10th: Fisherman's Breakfast before worship, to support Habitat for Humanity

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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 2022

President of Congregation –

Pete Warner

Secretary of Congregation –

Kathleen Wachsmuth

President of Consistory –

Jim Phillips

Secretary of Consistory –

Michelle Case

Treasurer – Ken Whitlatch

Elders

Michelle Case- Chair

Maureen Wookey,

Kathleen Wachsmuth

Deacons

Diane Campbell, Bill Latta,

Jim Phillips, Richard Sherman

Trustees

Mark Myers-Chair

Peter Wilson, Fred Wookey III,

Drew Zummo

Andrea Lafleur

Anne Breiling

Angie Schlessman

Anthony Didesidero, friend of Anne Breiling

Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths

Barbara Shivers

Bob Dewilde

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

Daniel Mulcahy, friend of Harlows

Denny Stanley, Bob McClimon's uncle

Donna Rhodes, Gail Phillips' sister

Doris Ingham, Joyce Rosen's mother

Ethan, son of a friend of Dee McClimon

Friends and family of Tekie Wise

Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson

Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner

Jennifer Osborne

Joe Rowan, Uncle of Alyssa Menkins

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

Smith

Laura Dick

Lindsay Meekins, friend of Micki Menkins

Margaret Breiling

Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys

Marvin Rosen

Mia Nordhoff

Patty English

Peter Lenichek, Anne Breiling's cousin

Rich Baer, friend of the Krasleys

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