

March 2023

THE BEACON: St. Peter's on the Hill

"Let your light shine before others"



It's 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 is April 23, 2023.

Contributions to support Heifer can be made through offerings or at the Living Gift Market table in Fellowship Hall on April 23, 2023.

See page 2 for all the information you need to know for our upcoming Heifer Sunday!

Souper Bowl Sunday

The worship service on Sunday, February 12 reflected the Super Bowl theme of the day. Many in attendance wore favorite team apparel. Maureen Wookey and Pastor Doug presented a dialogue sermon, Thank you to all who brought in a can of soup for the Super/Souper Bowl Sunday.



Sewing Circle News

PACS Food Drive Ends



Phoenixville Area Community Services

We wish to thank the congregation for their participation in the annual food drive for PACS. With the prices of food and non-essential items continuing to rise the need is greater than ever. You all help so many people struggling to survive from month to month and we want you to know how much it's appreciated.

Hoagie Sale

On February 26th and March 5th, we will be at Coffee Hour taking orders for delicious hoagies from Foresta's. Pickup is March 12th after church. This fundraiser supports the missions we help throughout the year. We hope we can count on your support once again. Thank you. The price is \$6 each.



The blessing of sharing outweighs the blessing of having.

Heifer Project Gift Fair

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 depravation 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 April 23, 2023. Your contributions fight hunger and poverty around the world and changes peoples lives.

Contributions to support Heifer can be made through offerings or at the Living Gift Market table in Fellowship Hall on April 23, 2023. 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 April 23, 2023



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



Spring Forward!



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12th, so be sure, before going to bed on Saturday, March 11th 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 25th at 8:00 am. The more hands we have, the easier the tasks will be! Please bring rakes, garden rakes, shovels for mulch and blowers.

Donuts and coffee will be served!



April Highlights

Holy Week:

April 2nd- Palm Sunday

Fisherman's Breakfast before worship, to support Habitat for Humanity, and a Children's Easter Egg Hunt after worship.

April 6th- Mid Week Service 7:30 pm

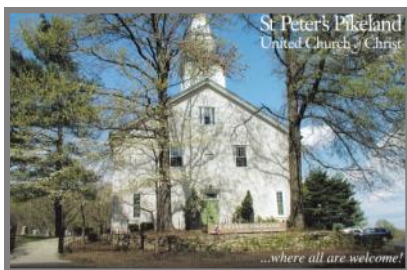
April 9th- Easter Sunday

8:00 am Communion service

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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

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 –

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Secretary of Consistory –

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Michelle Case- Chair

Maureen Wookey,

Kathleen Wachsmuth

Deb Wetty

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Herman Nieuwenhuizen,

Jim Phillips

Trustees

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Bob McClimon, Ray Perry,

Peter Wilson,

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

Diane Yeakle

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 Ken Wise

Friends and family of Ted Morgan

Gary Cornog

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

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

Tara Cantello, friend of Denise Harlow

Passings

Ted Morgan passed away on February 9th. A combined burial took place on February 28th for Ted and Helen Morgan, who passed away earlier this year. Please continue to keep Ted and Helen's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Ken Wise passed away on February 24th. A service will be held on Saturday, march 4th here at St. Peter's at 11:00 am, preceded by a visitation hour at 10:00 am. Interment and a luncheon will follow the service.