



THE BEACON :

St. Peter's on the Hill

"Let your light shine before others"



MAY 2021

Easter Rejoicing



Jesus Has Risen!

A Unique Easter Day

St. Peter's celebrated Easter this year in a way that won't ever be repeated, as we adapted to the needs of this time of covid.

Over 70 members and friends of the church watched a specially taped Easter service online, while 68 people attended the service on Easter morning, April 4th.

Though we weren't all together on Easter morning, we know that the oneness in Christ we proclaim is greater than time or place. As the Apostle Paul says in his letter to the Romans: *For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

(Romans 12:4-5)

If you want to confuse your friends, say to them "Happy Easter" until May 22nd, for the message of the risen Christ through the 50 days of the Easter Season allows us to repeat the very words of Easter morning: "He is risen indeed!"

Happy Easter, and may St. Peter's continue always in its joyous work of proclaiming the Resurrection Promise.



IMPORTANT

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, and need help with this process, please contact Jill Cook in the church office and she can help you. This photo can be formal or informal.*

We would like to make paper copies of the directory available eventually, and will need correct information and photos. If you need help logging on, please contact Jill right away.





Spring has sprung at our beautiful church on the hill! The combination of rainy and sunny days, along with the hard work from 19 of our finest “Spring clean-up” volunteers, and the newly planted front entrance are all contributing to the physical and spiritual renewal at St. Peter’s Pikeland.

We welcome you to join us in person to celebrate the season of renewal and growth. Safely distanced seating is plentiful at St Peter’s Pikeland, as are the blooming flowers and trees in our breathtaking surroundings. Stop and smell the flowers, take in the sounds of spring AND our incredible music program, and delight in safely prepackaged treats in Fellowship Hall—expect your senses to be invigorated, and your spirits raised from Pastor Doug’s message.

With more and more of our churchgoers vaccinated, our adherence to proper mask wearing, and our socially distanced seating and social hour—this is the time to safely rejoin us to celebrate the Fellowship so special to all of us at St Peter’s. Certainly, we welcome your phone call if you would like to inquire about what to expect at church if you are rejoining us in person after a longer absence.

For those who are still more comfortable in their homes, please know that the recorded church services will still be available so you can “virtually” join us. Perhaps take a Sunday drive past the church, or even bring your own picnic lunch any time during the week and enjoy the springtime renewal at your church on the hill at one of the many benches on our property.

Your church continues to need your financial support through these challenging times, but more-so, we hope to rejoice in each other’s company soon!

Sincerely,
Pastor Doug Hanson,
Jim Phillips, President of Consistory
Pete Warner, President of the Congregation

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 May and June. 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.



The Day of Pentecost

- Pastor Doug

The 50 days of Easter end on May 22nd. On Sunday, May 23rd, we will lift up an important moment in the New Testament, when the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples of Jesus. This day is called the Day of Pentecost.

Jesus, after 40 days, ascended into heaven, but promised his followers that the Holy Spirit would come to them: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 1:8)

The Book of Acts, in which we read of the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples (Acts 2), is unique in the Bible. It is placed right after the four Gospels, which tell us what Jesus said and did. Like any good story, we want to know what happened next in the days, weeks, and years after Jesus went to heaven. The Day of Pentecost describes in dramatic detail the power of the Holy Spirit descending upon the followers of Christ.

To know the "seasons" of the church year is an inroad to the important passages of our Bible. On the Day of Pentecost, may God's Holy Spirit also bless our faith journeys, as we seek to express Christ in our lives.



Calling For All Grad Names

It's that time of year again and we are gathering the names of graduates.

We would like to recognize the accomplishment of all high school, vocational school, and college graduates.



Tekie Wise's 90th Birthday

The Wise Family would like to invite our Church Family to join in celebrating their Mother's 90th Birthday, which is on Thursday May 20th. They would like to Shower her with Birthday wishes by having a Card Shower! Tekie absolutely loves cards and we know that this would bring her much joy and happiness.

Cards can be sent to Tekie Wise at her home:

1046 Pike Springs Road
Phoenixville, Pa 19460.





May Birthdays

Dylan Smiley	5/1
Susan Hanson	5/7
Julia Beatty	5/9
Jacqui Cornog	5/9
Chett Breiling	5/11
Kristen Wookey	5/15
Reagan Basile	5/15
Meg Zaro	5/16
Ashlee Bradbard	5/16
Allen Barry	5/16
Haley Smith	5/19
Tekie Wise	5/20
Shawn Nordhoff	5/20
Trevor Johnson	5/22
Thomas Page	5/23
Doug Yeakle	5/24
Jenny Osborne	5/25
Christy Bullard	5/25
Dave Wise Jr.	5/25
Bennett Nordhoff	5/25
Scott Barry	5/27
Pam Booraem	5/28
Courtney Sproule	5/28
Blake Boden	5/28
Lena Duffield	5/29
Rebecca Nieuwenhuizen	5/30
Debbie Spranger	5/30
Justin Mest	5/30
Andrew Wookey	5/30

JOAN FINK SERVICE

The family of Joan Fink would like to invite any members who would like to attend a graveside service for Joan on Saturday, May 8. The graveside service will take place at 1 pm.



Bridge

Starting in May, a Bridge Club is temporarily meeting on Tuesday mornings in our Fellowship Hall.



Happy Mothers Day to the mothers in our lives. We wish you the best day and year ahead. As we journey through this trying time, we acknowledge and appreciate all that you do with great respect.

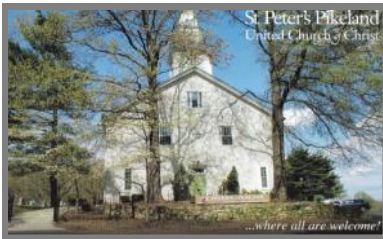
Wedding Anniversaries

- Scott and Kathy Barry
- David and Victoria Cagliola
- Ben and Diane Campbell
- TJ and Diane Dunn
- Charles and Virginia Garber
- Scott and Cindy Maguire
- Rob and Judith Werner
- Ken and Dawna DeRosa Whitlatch
- Tom and Sandy Raichle



Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who **died** while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the **ultimate sacrifice** for their country.

“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.” - Joseph Campbell



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

President of Consistory –

Jim Phillips

Secretary of Consistory –

Michelle Case

Treasurer – Ken Whitlatch

Elders

Michelle Case- Chair

Maureen Wookey, Wayne Freese,

Judy Shupe, Deb Wetty, Dave Zinn

Deacons

Doug Yeakle- Chair

Bill Latta, Alexis McCarthy,

Jim Phillips, Richard Sherman

Trustees

Mark Myers-Chair

John Pandjak, Scott Raichle,

Drew Zummo

Andrea Lafleur

Angie Schlessman

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 Joan Fink

Friends and family of Nancy Smith

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

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

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