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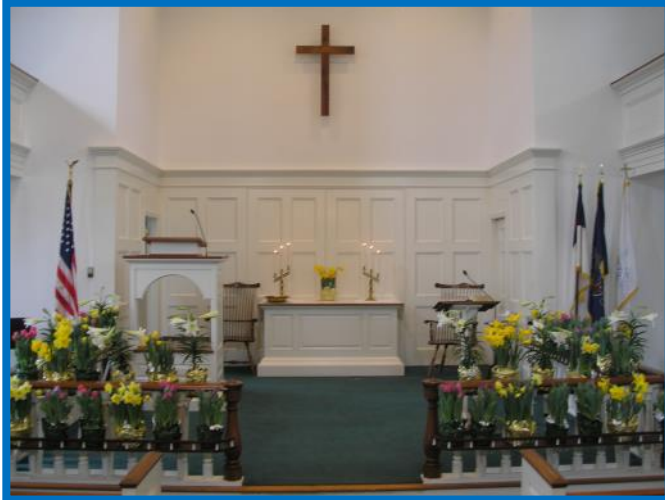
St. Peter's on the Hill

"Let your light shine before others"



MAY 2022

Easter Rejoicing



Jesus Is Risen!

On a cool, but beautiful Easter morning, St. Peter's celebrated, not just the Resurrection of Christ, but also the Resurrection promise: *"But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"*

In Christ and through Christ, we are offered life eternal.

It was wonderful on Easter morning to see some of the St. Peter's Church family that we haven't seen for awhile, with the downstairs filled, and many others up in the balcony. We truly celebrated our oneness in Christ.

For those who still have some Easter candy around the house, remember that you have 50 days to finish all of it, because the Easter season continues this year until June 5th.

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

Thank You Gorge Family

With the leadership of Dan and Cindy Gorge, we once again this year were able to raise enough funds for an "ark" for Heifer International.

An ark is defined by Heifer this way:

- An ark changes the world two by two.
- An ark donation includes two water buffalos, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more.
- An ark supplies an entire community with milk, eggs, honey and wool.
- An ark provides income by supplying an abundance of goods to sell.

Thank you to another Gorge, Emily, for singing on Heifer Sunday, along with Kat Bowman, Pete Warner, and Pastor Doug. And thank you to Grandpa Noah for reminding us that those ancient characters of the Bible perhaps really were characters.

Help for Ukraine Update



St. Peter's had a tremendous response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, raising over \$5000 to help the refugees. Added to that was \$3000 from our Disaster Relief Fund, for a total in excess of \$8000. The donations were sent to St. Vincent's Mennonite church to combine with their fund-raising/matching efforts. Based on the matching programs at the local, regional, and national level, we were part of a 75K+ direct effort to support humanitarian relief.

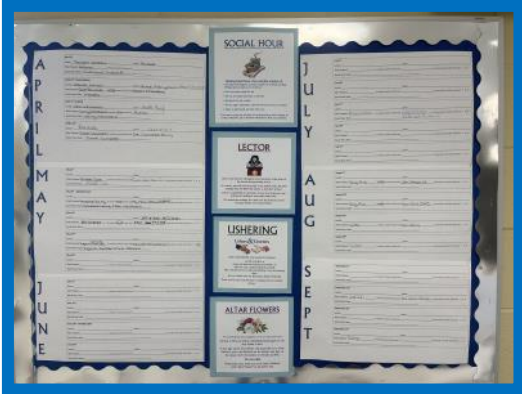
The primary organization we are supporting is Smolin Ministries. Smolin has been providing housing, clothes, transportation, and ministerial care in both Ukraine and Poland. More recently, they have been taking on orphans from Ukraine. As of the last report, there were 42 orphans in their care.

Because the situation in Ukraine continues to be acute, St. Peter's will, in the coming weeks, be raising more funds to help with relief.

Sign-ups

Please take a moment to look at our new sign-up board located in Fellowship Hall. Here, you will find a description for each item we need help with on Sundays. We'd like to get the next few months filled for Lectors, Ushers, Flowers and Social Hour.

We now have a contract with a local florist. If you sign up for altar flowers, you have the option to have them delivered.



CONCERT

ST. PETER'S PIKELAND CONCERT SERIES presents Rob Curto and Melissa Brun on Sunday, May 15th at 3:00 pm at St. Peter's Pikeland.

Accordion-player, composer and singer Rob Curto is New York City-born, but currently resides in his adopted city of Philadelphia. Rob plays Upbeat, Innovative, Accordion-driven American Roots Music, influenced by artists from Bela Fleck to Buckwheat Zydeco.

Rob has a long history of music-making, with roots in a musical family steeped in the music of swing-era America, over 20 years of experience playing Brazilian dance music, and half a decade deeply immersed in Irish traditional music through his mentor Billy McComiskey. Rob has been described as bringing a "workingman's spirit to the bellows-craft of the accordion". (www.robcurto.com), FB: RobCurtoMusic, IG: @robcurto

Cellist Melissa Brun is a freelance and teaching artist in Phoenixville. She hosts a private teaching studio of 30 students from her home, teaches at Waldron Mercy Academy, and manages the Chester County Youth Orchestra. Melissa is a String Clinician and Outreach Supervisor for D'Addario Orchestral where she presents virtual workshops to students and educators about strings, the string-making process, and how to make educated string choices.

Melissa is also a member of the Irish trio, Maggie's Boots, and half of the creative writing team and performer for the children's music group,

The Big Idea Committee. Their self-titled debut album is out this spring! Follow FB: Melissa Brun, IG: @CelloGal), or visit her website (www.melissabrun.com).

A reception and a meet-and-greet with the artists will follow the concert. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this one!



Thank You Yeakles

Thank you to Diane, Doug, and Tate Yeakle for mulching and beautifying the garden in front of the church in time for Easter.



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 in the June Beacon and June 5th worship service.



Fisherman's Breakfast

The Fisherman's Breakfast was a success, as we raised a little over \$1000 for the Habitat for Humanity mission. Although attendance was down this year, donations were generous, and were in line with prior years. Thank you to all the volunteers on the Fisherman's Breakfast team who once again did a great job. If you missed this year's breakfast, be sure to come next Palm Sunday for the best breakfast in town!



Live Stream Ending

Because of ongoing technical problems and other issues, we will no longer be live streaming our Sunday services.



Thank you to the Warner family who have carried us through the entire time of covid; first, with placing services on YouTube, and then live streaming our worship services.



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 *soon*, and will need correct information and photos. If you need help logging on, please contact Jill right away.

Citizen's Advocacy Event

Go to: <https://citizenadvocacycc.org/events/> to purchase tickets.

Citizen Advocacy of Chester County invites you to our 19th annual "A Play with a Purpose" at

People's Light

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

5:00 p.m.
Light supper stations, open bar, silent & live auctions, & "Wall of Wine"

7:00 p.m.
*Preview performance of

**BAYARD RUSTIN
INSIDE ASHLAND**

Written and Directed by Steve H. Broadnax III

*Or participate virtually by streaming the play in June and enjoying the auction online (links for both will be sent closer to the event.)

39 Conestoga Road, Malvern, PA
No tickets will be sent. Check in at the door.

Directions:
People's Light is located 750 feet west of the intersection of Routes 30 and 401, on Route 401.

Mother's Day Geraniums

You may purchase Mother's Day geraniums up until Sunday, May 1st. Contact Kathleen Wachsmuth to place your order. Order forms will be inserted into the Sunday worship bulletin up until May 1st as well.





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
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



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.

“A mother’s happiness is like a beacon, lighting up the future but reflected also on the past in the guise of fond memories.” —Honore de Balzac

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



Wedding Anniversaries

Scott and Kathy Barry
David and Victoria Cagliola
TJ and Diane Dunn
Charles and Virginia Garber
Scott and Cindy Maguire
Ken and Dawna DeRosa Whitlatch
Tom and Sandy Raichle



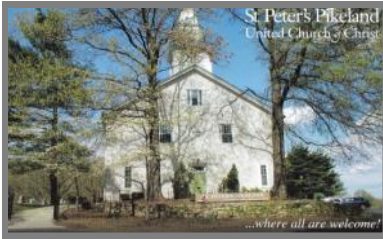
Looking into June.....

Maureen Wookey is organizing another dinner for Bethany Children’s Home on June 7th.
Stay tuned.....



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

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

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

Scott Raichle

Sharon Divis, daughter of Judy Smythe

Sue McVay, friend of Mary Jo Pandjak

Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister

Tommy Thompson, friend of Micki Menkins

From a Ukrainian Prayer for Peace:

Heavenly Father, we fervently pray that your Holy Spirit may inspire the men and women in Ukraine to restore human rights, democratic principles and religious liberty to their troubled land. We beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. Amen.

