

October 2021

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St. Peter's on the Hill

"Let your light shine before others"



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World Communion Sunday



All around the world on Sunday, October 3rd, churches will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Begun by Presbyterians in 1936, the idea was quickly adopted by many denominations.

Holy Communion holds within it a unifying spirit, as we recognize our oneness in Christ. It is a time to lay down our differences and all that separates us in this world, so that we may rise above worldly separation and lift up a vision of hope in unity.

Distrust, suspicion, even hatred and violence are still all too common in our world. Christ calls on us to see beyond worldly differences to a greater, more heavenly vision. World Communion Sunday calls on us to remember our true identities in God, and in the remembering, open ourselves to the gift of God's saving grace.

First Responders Thank You



On Harvest Home Sunday, October 17th, we will have a Thank You Open House outside from 11:30 AM - 2 PM for all the police officers in East and West

Pikekand Township, along with the Kimberton Fire Co, and their families. We will need some light appetizers, as well as a good turnout of church members to greet guests and say Thank You for everything they did to help keep our church community safe during Covid. Please contact Maureen Wookey if you can bring something.

Hymns

Starting on Sunday, October 3, we will once again sing hymns from the hymnals as a congregation.



Join us for Room to Read Sunday on October 10th!

See page 2 for more information on this mission



Room to Read Sunday October 10, 2021

Our Room to Read mission supports girls through their secondary education. This comprehensive program keeps girls in school, thus allowing them to marry later, earn a better wage, and make strides in gender inequality. By supporting this program, we are helping to eradicate or minimize poverty, HIV, human trafficking and illiteracy in some of the neediest parts of the world.

It is heartening to see such an outpouring of support, and knowing that this money will do so much good for deserving young women. St Peter's is a small community with great heart.

God bless you.

Please refer to the chart to the right for our Room to Read Book Sale Hours!

BOOK SALE HOURS

9/25 (Sat.)	2:00–4:00 pm
9/26 (Sun)	11am -12:00 pm
10/3 (Sun)	11 am- 12:00 pm
10/5 (Tue)	2:00–4:00 pm
10/10 (Sun.)	11 am -12:00 pm



“PURPOSE
IS THE PLACE
WHERE YOUR DEEP
GLADNESS
MEETS THE
WORLD’S NEEDS.”
~ FREDERICK BUECHNER



Disaster Relief Ida

Bill Latta, who has been a great proponent of Disaster Relief in recent years, said the following in an email after Hurricane Ida hit our area:

“Hurricane IDA played havoc with Louisiana, the Mississippi Delta, the Ohio River Valley and Pennsylvania. Here in our own backyard parts of Phoenixville and neighboring Montclair were flooded. Most if not all of the structures; both homes and businesses, along Lock 19 which parallels the Schuylkill River were flooded. In many places the river was close to the second floor of the house. Everything covered by flood waters on the first floor was destroyed: furniture, appliances, clothing and bedding if there was a bedroom on the first floor. Many people lost their cars. Apparently the flood waters came on so quickly there wasn't time to move possessions to higher ground. The emergency supplies that many of the residents owned were stored in their cellar and destroyed by the flood waters. Needless to say the people living and working along the river in Montclair are in need of help. OUR HELP! These people are not faceless far away individuals, they are our neighbors and in some cases people we know.”

The Consistory of the church, at their September 13th meeting, voted to aid those in our local area who suffered damage from Hurricane Ida. If you would like to help some of our neighbors who are struggling, and who will be recovering from the Hurricane for quite a while, *please send a check payable to St. Peter's UCC, memo Disaster Relief Fund.*

Communion

In September, we began offering Communion at the chancel rail once again. We will continue to serve Communion on the first Sunday of each month.



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.



Lectors Needed

We are currently in need of Lectors for October and November. If you would like to be our lector for an upcoming Sunday, *please use the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office to sign up.*

Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide the altar flowers for an upcoming Sunday, *please use the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office to sign up.* Because we are currently unable to order the flowers, you must be able to provide your own.



Sewing Circle News

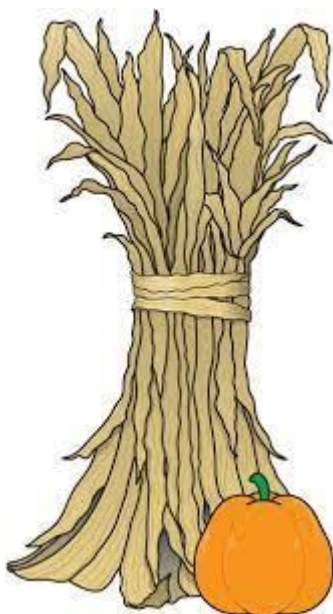


“Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in as the winter storms begin...”

St. Peter’s will celebrate a Harvest Home festival on Sunday, October 17th. Three charities will receive the food collected: St. Mary’s Franciscan Shelter, Good Samaritan Shelter, and the King Terrace, which offers low income housing.

The Sewing Circle is asking for non-perishable items to be brought to church through October 17th. We will collect food items up until Harvest Home Sunday on October 17th. Individual serving items are preferred. St. Mary’s is asking for small lunch articles such as pudding, juice, and chips. The Sewing Circle will also buy fresh fruit and vegetables and other seasonal items to add to the day. Please do not bring food canned at home, as it cannot be accepted by the charities. Items can be left in either entrance to the church.

If you would prefer to donate financially, rather than bring food items, all monetary donations can be given to Kathleen Wachsmuth, who will use the money to buy items for Harvest Home Sunday.



Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering

WANTED!!!



St. Peter’s Sewing Circle shopping ladies, Kathy Krasley and Micki Menkins are busy all year looking for clothing items to purchase for the agencies we support for the Ingathering. They are, The Phoenixville Area Learning Center, Pocopson Home, Chester County Intermediate Unit, Gemma (Silver Springs- Martin Luther School), Genesis Pregnancy Care. The Ingathering will be held here in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday November 9th at 12PM. Bring a covered dish and come join us for a few hours. You will get to see what the women of the Sewing Circle work on during the year and also the good work the agencies we help support accomplish.

We ask for your support by bringing in new clothing (all sizes, infant to 3X), personal items and especially diapers and baby supplies. Just drop the items off in Fellowship Hall on the designated table. Monetary donations are always appreciated and we would be very happy to do the shopping for you. The Sewing Circle will be collecting items until Sunday November 7th.

Overloaded with 2022 calendars or greeting cards? drop them off in the basket in Fellowship Hall. The Sewing Circle will share them with all the organizations.



October Birthdays



Kirstin Smith	10/1
Meghan Cavan	10/3
Mackenzie Wookey	10/3
Alice Bierer	10/7
Herman Nieuwenhuizen	10/8
Steve Krasley	10/9
Douglas Beatty	10/11
Norman Norris	10/13
TJ Dunn	10/14
Emily Cavan	10/14
Lynn Mailey	10/15
Don Davidson	10/16
Jordan Spranger	10/17
Alexandra Furlong	10/19
Richard Merryman	10/20
Ian Mansmann	10/21
Bill Bierer	10/22
Rich Nicholson	10/22
George Smith	10/22
John Borzillo	10/25
Bob McClimon	10/26
Christina Whitlatch	10/28
Carol Krisch	10/28
Tyler Smiley	10/29
Erin Martin	10/31



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before heading to bed on Saturday, October 31.

Wedding Anniversaries

Eileen and Bob Biddle
Tom and Lauren Carnevale
Daniel and Cindy Gorge
Barb and Sam McCabe
Bob and Dee McClimon Jr.
Richard and Grace Merryman
Doug and Laura Yeakle
Jeff and Jessica Griffiths
Greg and Sonja Wheelan



Zeller Baptism

On September 11th, Vivian Bradley Zeller was baptized. Vivian is the daughter of Levi Zeller and Kimberly (Thomson) Zeller. She was born on December 29, 2019 at Anne Arundel Medical Hospital in Annapolis MD. The Godparents are Katherine Zeller and Jonathan Bradbard.

Home School

The Home School group started holding their classes here on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays earlier in September. This group of families from the Kimberton area is "enjoying this beautiful setting here on the hillside", and are very thankful for the opportunity to rent this space.



November Highlights

All Saints Sunday- 7th

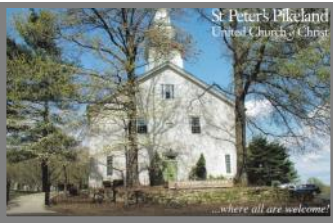
Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering- 9th

Bear Fair Donations- through 21st

Leaf Mania- 20th

Annual Meeting- 21st

Blessing of the Hounds-25th



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, Kathleen Wachsmuth,
Deb Wetty

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
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
Denny Stanley, Bob McClimon's uncle
Donna Rhodes, Gail Phillips' sister
Doris Ingham, Joyce Rosen's mother
Dottie Raichle
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
John Pandjak
Kelly, Hunter & Hannah Firment, daughter & grandchildren of Nancy Smith
Kerri Haseaman, Jane and Bob Breisch's niece
Linda Halpern, Joyce Rosen's Sister in Law
Margaret Breiling
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys
Mia Nordhoff
Patty Myers
Peter Lenichek, Anne Breiling's cousin
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

