

October 2023

# THE BEACON:

## St. Peter's on the Hill

*"Let your light shine before others"*

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## CELEBRATION

September 17<sup>th</sup> was a special Sunday at St. Peter's, as we celebrated long-time members who had reached the 90 year milestone in their lives.

Corsages and boutonnieres were given to each of our 90+ members when they entered church, and the service reflected on the blessing of our faith through the years of our lives.

After the service, our special members were seated at the head tables in Fellowship Hall, along with their families. Fred Wookey and Pastor Doug then shared words of appreciation and gratitude. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

The festivities didn't end there, however, as many people continued to enjoy the day with outside games and live music.





## Room to Read Sunday October 8, 2023

Our Room to Read mission supports young women 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.

Please come on October 1 and 8 for the book sale at St. Peter's. Room to Read Sunday is October 8. We hope that you can join us then to learn how your generous donations make a difference to people with the greatest needs.

Our book fair is fun, but donations are how we meet our goals. Please consider making a gift. It costs just \$300 to keep a girl in school for a year. Last year, we raised \$7227 which, with a benefactor multiplier, provided for 96 (!) girls to continue their education for one more year. To donate, please write a check to St Peter's with 'R2R' or 'Room to Read' in the memo line.

Diane Dunn, Wayne Freese, Herman Nieuwenhuizen



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





## Sewing Circle News

### Harvest Home on Sunday, October 15th.



Harvest Home ends on October 15th. We will continue to collect non-perishable food items and other essentials listed in your Sunday bulletin until the end of October.

If you prefer to make a cash donation, see Kathleen Wachsmuth. She and her helpers will purchase whatever items are needed the most. Mums will be available for purchase after church on Sunday, October 15th. Price to be determined.

### Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering

The Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering will be held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 14th at 11:30. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. All we ask is that you bring a covered dish to share with our guests. It's a day you won't soon forget, and we would love to have you join us.



We ask for your support by bringing in new clothing (all sizes, infant to size 6), 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 13<sup>th</sup>.



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

## LIVE STEAMING IS HERE!

We are now livestreaming our worship services every Sunday so you can watch either live on Sundays at 10:00am or anytime later if you can't make it to church. Just click the link below and select the date you wish to watch. I hope to see you in church, but if you can't make it we can all gather on the Youtubes!

<https://www.youtube.com/@StPetersPikeland/streams>

I hope you enjoy this new feature.

Regards,  
Pete Warner  
Congregational President



### Outdoor Worship Service

Join us on Sunday, October 29th, behind Fellowship Hall, for our outdoor worship service. (weather dependent)

Just like last year, we will have our typical worship service, just outdoors!



Thank you to everyone who so generously and lovingly donated to the Maui relief efforts. So far, we have raised \$6,494. Your kindness will no doubt, go a very far way!

Mahalo!

## 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
Brian Lupold	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

## 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

## Thank you from the Millers

After the 90+ celebration on September 17<sup>th</sup>, Bette and Bill Miller sent a thank you note to share with everyone:

*Bill and I want to thank you and your committee for the wonderful 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party yesterday. Everything was perfect and we are so grateful we were able to be there at the Church on the Hill. Please thank everyone for their part in making it so special, and with special appreciation to Wayne Freese.*

*Sincerely,  
 Bette and Bill Miller*

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## CROP WALK 2023

The story of the CROP Hunger Walk goes back to 1969. Teens in Bismarck, North Dakota and York County, Pennsylvania decided it was time to do something for families who had to walk miles for food and clean water. So they walked...and, because they took that first step, hunger has forever been changed.

Donations to CROP Walk, through Church World Service, help fight hunger both in local food pantries and also internationally.

On Sunday, October 29th, after an outside worship service, walkers will gather for a prayer, then begin their 3.2 mile circular walk, rain or shine.

Donations may be given to CROP by check to St. Peter's UCC, memo CROP. Please support our walkers, who walk so that others around the world won't have to.

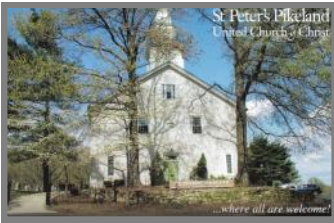
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# November Highlights

All Saints Sunday- 5th  
 Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering- 14th  
 Chili Cook-Off- 11th  
 Leaf Mania- 18th in the morning  
 Concert with Veronika Roemer and Kat Bowman-18th, 3 pm  
 Annual Meeting- 19th  
 Blessing of the Hounds-23rd  
 Bear Fair Dedication- 26th

# 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 –  
Jim Phillips

Secretary of Consistory –  
Kathleen Wachsmuth

## **Elders**

Kathleen Wachsmuth  
Deb Wetty

## **Deacons**

Herman Nieuwenhuizen,  
Jim Phillips

## **Trustees**

Fred Wookey III- Chair  
Bob McClimon, Peter Wilson

Allison Lockhart, sister of Rev. McLemore  
 Andrea Lafleur  
 Angie Schlessman  
 Annamae Moore  
 Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths  
 Barbara Shivers  
 Bill Latta  
 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  
 Debbie Rittenhouse, mother-in-law of Mitchell Warner  
 Donna Rhodes, Gail Phillips' sister  
 Ernie Coccia, Father of Deb Wetty  
 Friends and family of Stan, Bob McClimon's cousin  
 Guinevere, granddaughter of friend of Dee McClimon  
 Gwen Davidson  
 Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin  
 Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson  
 Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner  
 Jeff Johnson, Co-worker of Eric Johnson  
 Jennifer Osborne  
 Jessica G., friend of Grace Merryman  
 JoAnn Warshaw-Godmother to Alyssa Menkins  
 Kyle Dewees, friend of the Cornogs and Cooks  
 Laura Dick  
 Lia Sawyer, friend of Cherri Romano  
 Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson  
 Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys  
 Mia Nordhoff  
 Nancy Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman  
 Pattie and Charlie Freeman, friends of the Bowman's  
 Patrick, friend of Dee McClimon  
 Patty English  
 Richard, friend of Dee McClimon  
 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

