

September 2020

THE BEACON: St. Peter's on the Hill

"Let your light shine before others"



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Our Room to Read book sale will be delayed this year, due to Covid-19. Please see page 2 for more details from the mission team regarding this change. The need to help educate females in underdeveloped countries does not stop during this pandemic. Thank you for your continued support in this mission!

A Note on Offering

Dear Church Family,

As we approach our sixth month in this time of the global pandemic, we can't thank you enough for the mailed-in contributions you have been continuing to send during these unprecedented times. As we are sure you are aware, our expenses continue even as attendance has dropped, and your continued support is crucial to our continuing operations.

Our church community is still very much alive, well and vibrant. Please continue to send your generous contributions if you can, and if you need any assistance whatsoever, please feel free to let us know.

We are in this together and we are there to help those in need.

Covid

It's been six months since our worlds all seemed to "shut down", and yet here we are trying to find a new normal. (and probably getting sick and tired of hearing the phrase "new normal")

While we have started gathering for worship once again in our sanctuary, please see the precautions being taken on page 4.

Our thoughts are with the students, teachers and parents of our church family as everyone goes "back to school" in different capacities.

Our thoughts are also still with those who may not be able to do all the things they used to do, or go to the places they used to go due to health concerns during this pandemic.

Please remember that the church is always here for you. Don't hesitate to reach out.

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You Can Change the World



It's back to school time, although for many students in our country, it's not the typical scenario.

In underdeveloped countries, schooling also goes on, especially for the girls in the Room to Read program. Like every year, the importance of these girls continuing their education means a way out of poverty.

September has been our Room to Read month. However, this year we've decided to postpone our fundraiser until October. Please stay tuned for more details as we get closer to October. We would still love to have our Book Sale, but we need to see how it can be done safely. If you purchased books this year, please consider donating them to our fundraiser, so others can enjoy them too. Books (recent releases only, please) can be left under the covered entrance at Fellowship Hall. We will not be accepting any book donations after September 15, so that the books can be "quarantined" before the actual sale in October. Who knows what this winter will bring – but stocking up on books is ALWAYS a great idea!

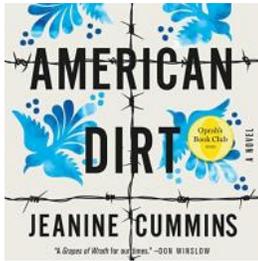
We're considering offering more times for people to safely shop the book sale (not just after church). Some weekday afternoons and evenings are under consideration.

Thank you – and – stay tuned!
 Diane Dunn, chair
 Jane Breisch
 Wayne Freese
 Cindy Maguire



Book Club

Our next book is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. The plan is to meet at the home/porch of Diane Dunn on September 16. We will keep in touch as it gets closer.



Please consider taking a larger role in our book club. Diane will be stepping down, and we can have someone else take over, or split the role- or even have the role travel between different people. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, contact Diane at Highmeadow00@gmail.com.

Sunday School

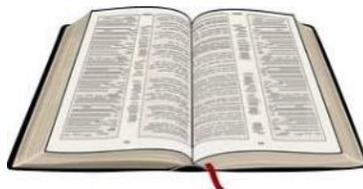
Because of Covid, we are not going to be holding Sunday School or providing Nursery Care during worship service.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to gathering again as classes when it is safe and healthy for all!

Sunday Worship Needs

Lectors Needed

If you would like to be our lector for an upcoming Sunday, *please contact the church office to sign up.*



Altar Flowers

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

Thank You Special Musicians

Thank you to *everyone* who gave of their musical talents over the last two months to provide us with special music during our worship hour. Thank you to our cantors who sang the hymns each Sunday. Each of you brought something different to the sanctuary and its members each week, and we thank you for sharing your talent! Thank you especially to Pete Warner who was always on call as the musician during recordings before we gathered again in the sanctuary for worship.

Peter Warner
Wayne Freese
Jane Breisch
Grace Merryman
Rachel Sigman



Sewing Circle News

The Sewing Circle is sad to report this year due to the pandemic, we cannot accept personal food donations from the congregation for our Harvest Home Sunday that was previously set for October 11th. We ask that you please consider making a monetary donation to the Sewing Circle for Harvest Home *by October 4th*. If you aren't attending church you can mail in your donation to St. Peter's with Sewing Circle/Harvest Home on the memo line of your check. Kathy Krasley and Kathleen Wachsmuth will purchase groceries and deliver items to the organizations we support for Harvest Home. Thank you for helping to support the work of St. Peter's Pikeland Sewing Circle during this difficult time.

The Sewing Circle would like to remind everyone that they are still collecting Redner's Receipts. If you shop at Redner's, please bring your receipts to church. There is a can at the door by the offering baskets. Or you can mail your receipts to the church.





September Birthdays

Kyra Dick	9/1
April Gingrich	9/1
Morgan Beatty	9/4
Susan Reichenbach	9/5
Kyle Mest	9/5
David Gale	9/7
Caroline Giordano	9/10
Russell Hanscom	9/12
Stacy Griffiths	9/12
Kendall Beatty	9/12
Kathy Barry	9/13
Lilly Mansmann	9/14
Joey Newell	9/14
Paul Michener	9/16
Tracy Neiman	9/17
Gail Phillips	9/17
Max Nordhoff	9/18
Mia Nordhoff	9/18
Beth Stein	9/18
Kerri Kelly	9/19
Christin Love	9/21
Jackie Warner	9/21
Scott Hackman	9/22
Victoria Cagliola	9/23
Bob Biddle	9/24
Travis McClimon	9/24
Gary Sproule	9/27
Jean Neiman	9/30

Anniversaries

Don Giordano and Carol Hughes
 Chip and Debbie Griffiths
 Scott and Sarah Hackman
 Doug and Susan Hanson
 Herman and Rebecca Nieuwenhuizen
 Shawn and Jackie Nordhoff
 John and Marielle Stewart
 James and Jennifer Wachsmuth



Re-Opening Precautions

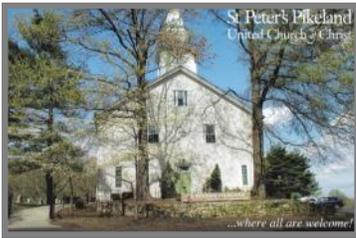
Even though Chester County is now in the “green phase,” we won’t yet be able to return to our pre-pandemic, normal kind of Sunday morning.

Below are the restrictions and safety measures for the reopening of our church:

- Everyone entering the church *must wear a mask* during the service. One-time use masks will also be available at the entrance of the church, if needed
- There will be no greeter or ushers at the door, but the following will be in each entrance: hand sanitizer, bulletins, and offering baskets.
- When finding a place to sit, households may sit together. However, all others must sit a minimum of six feet apart. This means only three in a pew, if not from the same household.
- Every other pew will be closed off to prevent someone sitting directly behind someone else.
- At least for awhile, there will be no congregational hymn singing, as it has been determined that singing spreads the coronavirus more than normal speaking. Kat will be asking various members to sing hymns up front, well away from the pews.
- The *balconies will be closed*, unless more seating is needed. Then, only the parking lot side will be opened.
- In the downstairs bathrooms, please restrict use to one person at a time.
- After the service, waste baskets will be available in the entrances for your bulletins.
- Please do not congregate in the aisles or entrances for conversations.
- There will be no fellowship time after the worship services. However, it's understood that some may want to have a conversation outside. Even then, we encourage masks and social distancing.
- All door handles, stair railings, tops of pews, and bathroom fixtures will be wiped down with disinfectant before the service.
- Bibles and hymnals will be removed from the pews.
- Nursery care will not be available.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home and enjoy the service online.
- If you think that you may have been exposed to the coronavirus, please wait a minimum of two weeks to come to church.

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 2020

President of Congregation –

Jim Phillips

Secretary of Congregation –

Kathleen Wachsmuth

President of Consistory –

Peter Warner

Secretary of Consistory –

Michelle Case

Treasurer – Ken Whitlatch

Elders

Michelle Case- Chair

Ben Campbell, Wayne Freese,

Judy Shupe, Deb Wetty, Dave Zinn

Deacons

Bill Latta, Alexis McCarthy,

Pete Warner, Doug Yeakle, Chris

Zaro

Trustees

Fred Wookey III-Chair

Mark Myers, John Pandjak

Scott Raichle, Peter Wilson,

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

Charlie Sproule, Jr.

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

Friends and family of Sydney Cagle

Greg Francis, Lee Ann Michener's brother

Hunter Firment, Nancy Smith's Grandson

Ian Charles Harmon, the Booraem's grandson

Jashown Banner, former student of Jackie Warner

Jennifer Newell, Beth Newell's Sister-in-law

Jennifer Osborne

Joan Fink

John Edwards, friend of Linda Johnson

Kerri Haseman, Jane and Bob Breisch's niece

Kevin Snyder, CEO of Bethany Children's Home

Linda Halpern, Joyce Rosen's Sister in Law

Margaret Breiling

Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys

Mike Solerno, friend of the Micheners

Pamela (Miller) Murphy

Patty Myers

Peter Lenichek, Anne Breiling's cousin

Peter Mahler, friend of Smythes

Reagan Basile

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

Sylvia Lawson