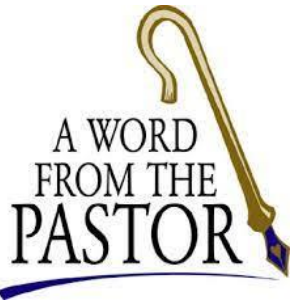




THE BEACON

September 2024

"Let your light shine before others"



Christian Universalism Presentation

On Saturday morning, September 28th in Fellowship Hall, I'll offer a presentation on the history of Christian Universalism. Universalism is the belief that all people will be reconciled with God, and that there is no eternal hell.

At 10am that morning, we'll walk through the first 500 years of Christianity, when Christian universalism was widely accepted as the ultimate vision for all of us. We'll examine universalist passages in the New Testament, and take a relook at the original meaning of other misunderstood passages.

We'll also look at the Christian universalist history of Pennsylvania in the 18th century, and its influence in the 20th century.

All along the way, we'll be pausing for questions and thoughts, as participation by all is welcomed. In fact, if you have a question, probably someone else has the same one.

I hope you'll come



It's back to school time! Which means it is Room to Read time. Sending young women back to school across the world changes lives and communities. St. Peter's has been very generous with this worthwhile program. In 2008/09, we funded a library in Nepal. Since then, with matching gifts, we have educated more than 575 girls for one year. You will hear more from us, but, for now, a few details. We hope you have had a good summer that included some marvelous books. Please bring any book donations you have that are no older than 6 years to Fellowship Hall, preferably by September 22. Please put inside door, but if door is locked please leave under the roofed porch.

Please plan to join us for the book sale:

Sunday, September 29: 11am - 12 pm

Saturday, October 5: 10am- 3pm

Sunday, October 6: 11am - 12 pm

R2R Sunday - Sunday, October 13: 11-12

We could use help: please see any of us below if you can help us set up the sale on the evening of Thursday, September 26 or would like to help us with this worthy mission. We look forward to seeing you there!

-Wayne Freese, Herman Nieuwenhuizen and Dick Sherman

Pastor at Reunion

Pastor Doug will be away at a high school reunion on the weekend of September 7-8.

The substitute preacher for him will be Rev. Ruth Sheets, whom many of you have met before.

SEWING CIRCLE NEWS

Annual Luncheon

On August 14th we met at Chadwick's to savor the last days of summer and to enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship. We were fortunate to have Pastor Doug join us as he had just returned from a well deserved vacation. Thank you, Micki Menkins, for taking care of the arrangements.



Calling all our Worker Bees!

Our first meeting is on Wednesday, September 11th and we have so many things that need to be done. We are always happy to welcome new members. Come see what we are all about. I'll let you in on a little secret, most of us don't sew. So don't let our name scare you. We will be happy to talk about what our different missions are. Maybe you have a talent you would like to share with us.

Harvest Home begins on September 22nd. We will have our flyers hanging up in the narthex and in various locations in Fellowship Hall. This will include a Hot List of items needed most by our agencies. (*See hot list on page 3) These are only suggestions. Please feel free to purchase whatever you wish. We will be most grateful for all donations. If you don't like to shop, monetary donations are gladly accepted. We will purchase items most needed.



Look in the **October Beacon** for the upcoming details about the Ingathering held here on Tuesday, November 12th. We have many ways that you can get involved.

HOT LIST of Items Needed for PACS

pancake mix
 syrup
 pop tarts
 granola bars
 body wash
 shampoo
 mens and womens deodorant
 mac and cheese
 canned tuna
 beef soup
 vegetable soup
 sweet snacks
 salty snacks
 crackers
 mashed potatoes
 stuffing
 flavored rice
 canned pasta (i.e.spahettios, ravioli, etc)
 salad dressings including: ranch,
 thousand Island, honey mustard
 relish
 pickles
 juice
 salt and pepper
 garlic powder
 cinnamon
 basil
 onion powder
 sugar
 dish
 soap
 bleach



Trustee's Corner

The Trustees have been busy over the summer months. Continued progress has been made on stabilizing the hill for our parking lot across the street. We have been using heavy construction materials and fill to keep the erosion at bay. Mother nature struck down by the parsonage. A large Ash tree split in half during a storm. The Trustees along with Scott McGuire and Andrew Wookey spent a day cleaning up. At present we are looking at hiring a tree removal company to take down the rest of the tree as it is substantial in size and very close to the parsonage.

Speaking of trees, we will also be contacting an arborist regarding our Oak Tree to evaluate its health. This is something we have been doing every few years since the lightning strike. One side healed well, the other has not. Recommendations should be made by the arborist.

A big thank you to Bob McClimon for clearing the thick undergrowth on the hill behind the parsonage. We will be cutting the front field next.

FEAST



A nice evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all for our outdoor potluck FEAST on Saturday, August 24th.




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
Tracy Neiman	9/17
Gail Phillips	9/17
Max Nordhoff	9/18
Mia Nordhoff	9/18
Beth Stein	9/18
Kerri Kelly	9/19
Jackie Warner	9/21
Scott Hackman	9/22
Victoria Cagliola	9/23
Bob Biddle	9/24
Travis McClimon	9/24
Gary Sproule	9/27

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



OUTDOOR SERVICE

On Sunday, September 15th, the worship service will be outside behind Fellowship Hall, weather permitting.

SIGN UPS



Please consider signing up to read scripture during Sunday worship, usher or host social hour after worship. Each of these opportunities to serve has a large impact on Sunday worship each Sunday.

If you want to help, but you're not sure what all it entails, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Doug or the Church office.

*Providing altar flowers is another great way to be involved!
 Sign up sheets can be found in Fellowship Hall.

In October.....

October 6: World Communion Sunday

October 13: Room to Read Sunday

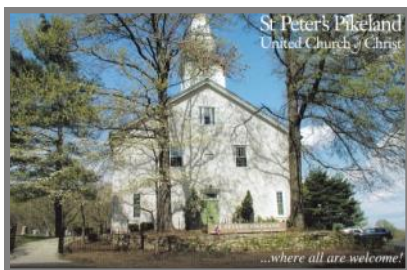
October 20: Harvest Home Sunday



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On FaceBook as St. Peter's Pikeland United Church of Christ



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 2024

President of Congregation –
Mark Myers

Secretary of Congregation –
Kathleen Wachsmuth

President of Consistory –
Pete Warner

Secretary of Consistory –
Kathleen Wachsmuth

Elders

Kathleen Wachsmuth-Chair
Deb Wetty, Peter Wilson

Deacons

Herman Nieuwenhuizen,
Sarah Hackman
Pete Warner

Trustees

Fred Wookey III- Chair
Bob McClimon, Dave Wise Jr.

Allison Lockhart, sister of Rev. McLemore
 Andrea Lafleur
 Angie Schlessm
 Ann Kieffer, cousin of Eric Johnson
 Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths
 Barbara Shivers
 Bill Cochran, friend of Fred and Maureen Wookey
 Carol Meyer
 Cole Davenport
 Connie Hershey, friend of Micki and Alyssa Menkins
 Charlie Fishman, Pete Warner's Nephew and Godson
 Debbie Rittenhouse, mother-in-law of Mitchell Warner
 Diane, friend of Dee McClimon
 Earl Harvey, friend of Mackenzie Wookey
 Friends and family of Clarice Bowman
 Friends and family of Judy Smythe
 Gail Grealey, cousin of the Wise family
 Gwen Davidson
 Grady Dendunnen, grandson of Ted and Helen Morgan
 Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin
 Hugh Lawson
 Jamie Glennon, friend of Eric Hanson
 Jeff Johnson, Co-worker of Eric Johnson
 Jennifer Osborne
 Jim Smith, Denise Harlow's brother
 John Pandjak
 John Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman
 Joyce Rosen
 Laura Dick
 Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson
 Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys
 Melinda Greenwood, cousin of Joe Thomson
 Mike Brown
 Nancy Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman
 Pattie and Charlie Freeman, friends of the Bowman's
 Patrick, friend of Dee McClimon
 Richard, friend of Dee McClimon
 Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister
 Sammi, great daughter of a friend of Dee McClimon
 Sandy Pereni, Joyce Rosen's sister
 Sharon Basile, Jennifer Basile's mother-in-law
 Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister
Tara Cantello, friend of Denise Harlow