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Steeple Views

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WAGNER

Dear church,

At a recent meeting a council member commented on our Easter Breakfast this year, that it was like “loaves and fishes.” And indeed, our first Easter potluck breakfast went exceedingly well. Dishes appeared from everywhere and sometimes out of nowhere. Waffles and quiches, casseroles and muffins, sausage and bacon, fruits, berries... At the end, a good amount of leftover food was taken home. Diana Blum was our hospitality coordinator for this event.



“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,’ they answered.”

- Matthew 14:17

A few times, Diana has told people the story of how she got involved with this ministry. When she walked into St. Peter’s as a first-time visitor many years ago – it was a difficult time in her life - she felt immediately welcomed and accepted. The smell of coffee gave her an instant feeling of homeliness and comfort. When she came back the following Sunday and people remembered her name, she was truly touched. Today, Diana is one of many special people at our church. She works two jobs and still finds time for hospitality and several other ministries. That coffee smell from her first church visit became part of her calling... welcoming others!

As humans we are sometimes afraid of giving too much - too much of our energy, our money, our time... “We can’t help everybody! Isn’t everybody always asking for something?” We want to be protective of ourselves and what is “ours.” It’s the same thing in this story. The disciples say to Jesus, “We only have five loaves and two fish.” And they think, “We can’t feed the whole crowd with our little offering. It’s too little for too many people!” But once they commit to giving, the food appears, and it keeps appearing from everywhere and sometimes it appears out of nowhere... It is one of the great miracles of Scripture and I dare say, we still don’t quite believe what Jesus is trying to convey. It goes against our innermost fears. To tell you the truth, often enough it goes against my own fears because I grew up in a cash-poor family where money was always watched and managed tightly. “Be careful with money,” was a message I internalized early on.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sanctuary:
8:30 am & 10:30 am
with Livestreaming
Sunday School

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CORE VALUES

As members of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church we value and embrace service driven ministry and being “other-oriented” serving God by serving people both locally and globally.

As members of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church we value and strive for meaningful vibrant worship, enhanced with purposeful liturgy, powerful relevant messages, devout prayer, glorious music and participation by both clergy and lay “ministers”.

As members of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church we value spiritual growth for all generations defined by well thought out programs available for all ages and strong support for families of all types.

As members of St. Peter’s we value and commit to being an inclusive community promoting authentic caring relationships with each other and our partners in ministry, always treating each other with respect.

As members of St. Peter’s we value and commit to community hospitality, placing importance on being an integral part of our community by using both our building facility and our actions.

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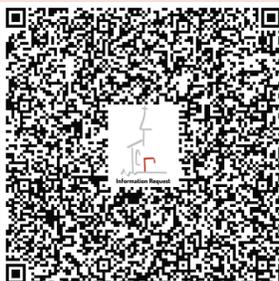
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St. Peter's Lutheran Church
to invite all people to
know, live, and share
Jesus Christ*



Information Request



PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

There are not many stories that appear in all four gospels of the New Testament but the feeding of the 5,000 is one of them. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each tell their version of the same story, teaching the same lesson: God is a God of abundance and when we give, our gifts are often multiplied. When we give love, our love is multiplied. When we give food, food is multiplied. When we give money, even that is multiplied. It is not so much a law as a promise. And it is not so much something you can "count on" as something that you trust. I am also convinced that it is situational, and spirit led. In other words: in that moment, at that time, Jesus felt called to give, trusting that God would provide. He did not hesitate and said to his followers, "Share those fives loaves and the two fish!" "C'mon, share it!" Sometimes Jesus just disregards our fears and tells us to trust. You've got to love him for that!

Pastor Andreas Wagner



PARISH UPDATES

In Memoriam: Kurt Schwarz, 1935-2023

Kurt was born in the same year as Pastor Wagner's father, and they ended up finishing their life's journey in the same calendar year as well. Born in the Swabian area of Germany, Kurt came to this country as a young man, following his hometown sweetheart Lore to Allentown, PA. He served in the US Army, worked in construction, and had a long career for Kulicke and Soffa, a semiconductor manufacturer from where he retired as an Engineering Manager. Kurt and Lore raised two wonderful boys, one of whom sadly preceded him in death (Peter), as did his wife Lore. Kurt was an avid soccer fan and served the church, especially in his later years. He is survived by his son Steven and daughter-in-law Lynne Schwarz, daughter-in-law Christine Schwarz, grandchildren Scott, William, Peter Jr, Emma, and Margo Schwarz, and special friend Erika Witt. Kurt will also be missed by many dear friends and neighbors who became a chosen family. On Saturday, April 22, we will celebrate his life and place his ashes next to his wife Lore in the Columbarium at St. Peter's Cemetery. You can also see his obituary on the Mays Funeral Home website. Donations to the church in his memory are appreciated.



Baptism of Sam Tarasenko, April 2, 2023

It was a very special Palm Sunday this year. After services, we gathered outside in our Baptismal Garden and prepared for the Adult Baptism of our Music Director. Sam was raised in an ethnic Pentecostal Church in the Lancaster area. He had not been baptized yet, and upon his spiritual journey away from home, his church lens widened, his questions deepened, and his faith was shaken and stirred like a Martini. He had conversations with his spiritual adviser, Pastor Sandra Ellis-Kilian; he had conversations with me, and he finally felt comfortable enough to commit his life to Christ and receive the waters of Baptism. For this ceremony, kind members of the church purchased a trough that held 50 gallons of water. Choir members blessed the water in the small basin, which was set up on our church lawn. And there, Sam was baptized on April 2, 2023, by full immersion. His Baptism Verse reflects Sam's intense personality, as well as his deep appreciation for Scripture's more serious, challenging, and ambiguous passages. He chose Job 13:15: "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face." Nobody can say that he didn't give God notice!



**“Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him;
I will surely defend my ways to his face.”**

- Job 13: 15



SANCTUARY VILLAGE

A Tiny House Village

Our church will support the first Tiny Home Village for homeless people in Philadelphia, to be opened later this year in the city's Holmesburg section. It will be called "Sanctuary Village" and will house up to 30 homeless women.

As a sign of how the spirit of God works, we have received a generous matching fund offer of \$10,000 from one of our families. If we match it, we will be able to sponsor one Tiny Home. The challenge will run throughout the season of Easter, and I will explain more of the details and the idea behind it as this week progresses. The little church is at it again...

Sanctuary Village is an organization that plans to build a tiny house community in Philadelphia to provide a home for those looking to transition out of homelessness. We have been chosen by the City of Philadelphia to build a tiny house village at 7979 State Road. This city owned property will be the site of a total of 28 tiny houses, and a common building. The common building will provide space for shared meals, community meetings, restroom and laundry facilities, an office for a social worker, and recreational space. The property borders a park along the Delaware River, and is convenient to public transit and services. Twenty-four hour security is on site.

Why Tiny Houses?

A transitional tiny house village offers a cost-effective means for providing intermediate shelter option while preserving individual autonomy, privacy, and responsibility. While this is the first project of its kind in Philly, there is a long track record of this model being successful in Seattle, Washington; Austin, Texas; Los Angeles, California and many other communities.

Building a Community

Unlike a shelter, a tiny house is a home. Having a locking door, an address, and access to meeting physical and hygienic needs is the basic foundation upon which a person can rebuild their life. Tiny houses provide a stable step to permanent housing.

On-Site Services

Thanks to a grant from the City of Philadelphia's Office of Homeless Services we can offer individualized wrap around services to equip people in overcoming the obstacles that stand in the way of getting back into stable housing – nutritional support; medical care; addictions counseling; transportation; life skills and job training.

More information at: tinyhousecommunity.org



St. Peter's is now accepting donations for:

Sanctuary Village

A Tiny House Project



use the envelopes in the narthex or pews
now thru May 28

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Welcome Spring!

We have lots of fun faith fillies activities here in Christian Ed this Spring!

We welcomed the congregation with Palms on Palm Sunday, and enjoyed a fun Easter Egg hunt with the community. We will continue Spark until May 14th and will be making something beautiful for our mothers. Activity sheets will be available each Sunday during the summer. Stay tuned for some family activities this summer.

A big *THANK YOU* to our ever faithful Spark teachers, Gretchen Flanagan, Daren & George Gross, and Suzanne Shaffer!



Join us on May 7th at the 10:30 am Worship Service as we celebrate the Confirmation of:

**Abby Clark, Mason Charles,
Brody Inman, and Noah Shafer**

MEN'S BAR-B-QUE

June 3 — Time: TBD
Bernie Heinze's Yard



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

May 20 at 7 pm

The Phillies host the Cincinnati Reds. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

We Are Back!

Save the date **October 28th 2023!**

Come join us for our 10th Women's retreat. It is held in our church building. The theme will be **Anchored in Faith**. Plan to join us on a seaworthy journey as we anchor at the ports of *Laughter, Grace, Joy, Benevolence, Creativity and Prayer*.

St Peter's Fellowship Event

Amateurs' Intro to Wine

Friday, May 19th • 7 pm

\$15 per person sampling 6 wines & hors d'oeuvres at the Home of Liz Allen

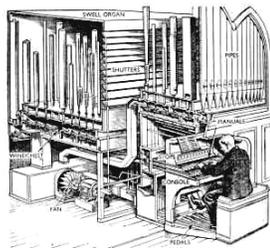
Participation limited to the first 40 people!

Envelopes are available in the Narthex to sign-up & make payments. Or, click this ad to electronically sign-up & use Venmo.

Payment due with sign-up Please bring your own wine glass



A MESSAGE FROM SAM TARASENKO MUSIC MINISTER



Dear Friends,

This article comes a bit late as Easter has just passed. Given that I was tacitly permitted an extended deadline for this article, I'd like to express some specific words of gratitude to the groups who made our Lenten services and Easter Day service possible.

First: A Common Thread. You provide much welcomed diversity and pep to the traditional services. Thank you for a reflective Lenten liturgy incorporating both ancient and contemporary elements. To more fun jams on April 30th!

Second: our ensemble of brass players. Doug, Cindy, Alan, and Karin, thank you for playing during Holy Week and Easter. Emotions ranged from tear jerking contemplation on Good Friday to festive ebullience on Easter. You never cease to amaze us with your talent and versatility!

Third: Pastor Wagner's robust baritone leadership. While some naysayers may comment on his proximity to the pulpit microphone, citing the quite sufficient choral leadership already present, we are, nonetheless, grateful that Pastor Wagner encourages solid Protestant singing in our congregation. Trust me when I say, if pastors are absent during the hymn singing, the result is dour contemplation rather than co-creative

worship. Ours is unequivocally the latter!

Fourth: our formidable choir. If all the ministries at St. Peter's were a bodybuilder, you are the sleeve ripping bicep. It is nowadays unheard of for churches to have such a dedicated body of volunteer singers. More importantly, you are ministers. You open yourselves to the Holy Spirit who brings vital life energy to the community. In particular, Palm Sunday and Easter were magical. You gave it your all and we thank you!

Finally, a big thank you to you, the congregation, who supported me on my spiritual journey to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. It may have been unusual for some of you to witness immersion but it felt just right to me. Our community is filled with love and encouragement. May it never cease to be that way!

Moving forward, the music ministry will wrap up its regular work with our final feast, Pentecost. The choir will sing one last service then before recessing for the summer. But before then, A Common Thread will lead another service on April 30th. Afterwards, a summer series will begin with unique themes every week featuring guest musicians within and without our community.

Once more, thank you for your support! Please don't forget to thank the singers, brass players, and guest musicians who bear their souls to you every Sunday. Remember, worship is co-creative. We all participate. Keep singing, and blessings this happy Easter season!

Warmly,
Sam

UPGRADES AT ST. PETER'S HISTORIC CEMETERY

Cemetery Campaign

We would like to say a heart-felt thank-you for all donations received for our special cemetery campaign this year. We don't have the final numbers yet, but it looks like we reached and may have exceeded our goal of raising \$15,000. The bulk of that money goes towards the beautiful walkway that has been established by T.J.'s



Outdoor Maintenance. It is a very important and esthetically pleasing addition that will give people a clear path to the Columbarium. The historical markers, paid for from the Memorial Fund, will now be set in place and a total of five Memorial benches will be placed there as well. Three trees have been designated as Memorial Trees. It is a sacred place of Remembrance. Thank you for helping us maintain it.



The Cemetery Committee

St. Peter's Cemetery History

From

Knapp Notes

Montgomery Township Historical Society,
Spring 2023

Murder Most Foul...

Long before the Knapp family moved to the tiny village of Montgomery Square, and long before the Revolutionary War, two taverns stood on opposite sides of the Great Road (now Bethlehem Pike); each served the needs of weary travelers and local residents for food, lodging and a welcoming place to gather with friends. The tavern on the west side of the road was opened in 1716 by John Bartholomew, and sold to Blaize Weaver in 1760. For more than 40 years, the Weaver family prospered in business and became prominent members of the community. Blaize's son, George, served as a township supervisor and after the Revolution was elected to the Pennsylvania legislature. But ultimately it wasn't the family's business or their government service that had the Square's residents talking: it was the notorious murder of George's oldest son, Henry.

In his book, "An Erudite Little Township" (available for purchase on our society's website www.knappfarm.org) local historian, James A. Williams, relates the story as follows:

"Henry Weaver had served with distinction as a lieutenant in the county's militia artillery company. On the morning of October 5, 1805, the twenty-five-year-old Weaver drove a wagon to Philadelphia. He returned to the Square via the State Road (Rt. 202) that same afternoon. Weaver was ambushed about a mile east of Montgomery Square...At a bend in the road, he was surprised and shot in the head and chest. He died before anyone found him. Later, corn stalks were found stacked along the highway. It was assumed that the corn stack served as a hiding place for the criminal while he waited for Weaver to return from Philadelphia."

Despite "much hue and cry" after the murder, and a hefty (for the time) reward of \$200 offered for information by Henry's father, George, no assassin was ever found. Noted historian and journalist Edward Matthews (1837-1916) recalls that, "the hand of suspicion rested upon a person in the neighborhood for the remainder of his life." It was rumored that the suspect [a young Irishman] was reputed

to be in love with the wife of Henry's brother, John, and the murder could have been a case of mistaken identity. Years later the suspect committed suicide which confirmed the suspicions of some, but provided no definitive answer.

Recently, a member of the MTHS Collections Committee found a typed transcript of a 1904 letter sent to the editor of the Ambler Gazette. The letter was written by a Montgomery Township resident, Henry Jones, and adds some fascinating additional details to the story as related above.

"My father, [also] Henry James, had just located prior to 1805, on a tract of land of 170 acres, 70 of this woodland, in Montgomery Township, fronting on the State Rd. (Rt. 202)... My mother, Jane Jones, used to tell us that her husband had just come in from his work on that October evening, 1805, when the report of a gun was heard, and the loud barking of a dog, my father remarking that the gun had been heavily loaded. A strip of woodland, bordering on the State Road, had been cut...and a cord of wood stood within gun shot of the road, and foot prints were seen back to this. These tracks were said to lead to the murdered man, and thence to a field on the south side of the road and there lost. My mother said that many thought Weaver had been sitting on his near hors and had been dragged from there and struck with the butt of a gun. The idea prevailed that John Weaver (Henry's younger brother) had been the intended victim-Henry was so well esteemed. Those tracks in the field led in an opposite direction from the home of the suspected man, Burney."

Then, unfortunately, there is a gap in the transcript indicating that the lines of the letter which follow were unreadable.

So now, more than 200 years later, the mystery of who shot Henry Weaver - and who - remains. Weaver was buried with full military honors at the **Lutheran Church in North Wales**. Henry Jones noted that renowned Philadelphia artist and naturalist, Charles Wilson Peale and his wife, frequent visitors to the Moore farm in Montgomery Township attended the funeral.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

1,643 items were delivered to Main On Main Street and New Creation Lutheran Church for distribution to families in need. Local families are really struggling to provide food for their families as inflation keeps rising and food assistance benefits are returning to lower, pre-COVID levels. No matter if you donated one thing or ten things, it was important to the person who received it!!

Thank you St. Peter's for your generosity.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Upcoming Blood Drives.
New donors are always needed.

**Monday
June 5
August 28**

2 pm - 7pm

For appointments please go to:

www.redcross.org

**Enter sponsor code:
St. Peters North Wales**



ST. PETER'S SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATES

InterFaith Hospitality Network 2023

June will be here before we know it! St Peter's will once again participate in the InterFaith Hospitality network and partner with area congregations and Family Promise MontCo PA to provide emergency shelter for local families experiencing homelessness. Our Social Ministry team hopes all members of our congregations will consider volunteering or providing support to the families while they are staying with us this year. Opportunities will include:

- ◆ Set-up and clean-up of our spaces in the building for the program.
- ◆ Meal Providers - prepare and drop off meals or share them with the families at church
- ◆ Shopping Helpers - take families to supermarket to pick up basic supplies using donated gift cards
- ◆ Evening Helpers - check in on the families in the evening to ensure they have what they need and that the building is secure
- ◆ Transportation Volunteers - transport families between the Family Promise Day Center in Amber and St. Peter's in the morning or the evening
- ◆ Financial Support - grocery gift cards for the families or funds for fuel to operate the Family Promise van

Over 50 volunteers provided support for the program last year! If you have any questions about the program or would like to volunteer, please contact Brian Brenfleck or Robin Alderfer.

If you have any questions on any of our projects or would like to help with any of them please contact Robin 610-277-8378

St. Peter's Readers

a group of women who meet on Tuesday (about every 5-6 weeks) at 11:30 am in the church parlor.

We welcomed a new member to our group. Ronnie Sensinger is a newer St. Peter's member who also is Sharon Skrzat's cousin-in-law. We look forward to having her join us.

Here is our anticipated reading discussion schedule through July 2023. Contact Charlene at cmbance@gmail.com if you would like to join us or have a question.

- **May 2: *The Engineer's Wife*** by Tracey Emerson Wood
- **June 13: *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*** by Robert Dugan
- **July 25: *The Next Ship Home*** by Heather Webb



St. Peter's Green Team

Heavenly Father,

Creation has been groaning, waiting for those of us who call ourselves God's children to remember our first vocation, the vocation of serving, tending to, and protecting the created order. Easter is a reminder that we can be renewed in our relationship to God, to our neighbors, and to our non-human neighbors. As we enter into this Easter season, may we seek new ways to embody resurrection and take heed to the cries of creation. Amen

The results of climate change lead to some of the following predicaments:

- **Extreme weather disasters** like floods, storms, droughts, and heatwaves are on the rise — and so is the displacement of people impacted by climate disasters.
- **Economy loses** of billions of dollars annually. Things like ocean acidification and deforestation impact plants and animals leading to decreased biodiversity across the planet.
- **Health issues** We experience increased respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, allergies, food- and water-borne illnesses, infectious diseases, injuries, hunger, and threats to mental health.
- **Rising sea levels** and melting ice can and will threaten coastal communities and low-lying island — often where many indigenous peoples live.
- **Food insecurity** and **water scarcity** are exacerbated.

“Then God said, *“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth.”* Genesis 1:26

What do we do...?

In honor of Earth Day, April 22, let us take a moment to recognize the wonder and beauty of our home planet. From the deep oceans to the mighty mountains, and heavenly rainforests to vast deserts, our earth is a natural wonderland that sustains all life. It's not a secret that the Earth faces an existential threat. Deforestation, pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change and global warming are just a few problems we're facing. Today's lifestyles and practices are harming the planet, and if we don't act now, the consequences could be catastrophic.

It's our responsibility to take action and make a positive impact on our planet. As individuals, we can all take small steps every day to reduce our carbon footprint and conserve our natural resources. We can reduce waste, recycle, and use sustainable products. We can also assist companies that place a high priority on the sustainability of the environment. However, this cannot be the end of the discussion. Our goal should be to advocate for systemic changes that will address the root causes of environmental degradation. The government and business community should adopt policies and practices that protect the environment and promote sustainability. It is also important to recognize that all life on Earth is interconnected. Every living being, including humans, is directly affected by the health of the environment. By protecting our mother Earth, we are taking care of ourselves and future generations.

As stewards of God's creation, Christianity teaches that humans have a responsibility towards the environment. As Christians have a duty to do what we can to ensure we are environmentally responsible.

Thrift Shop News

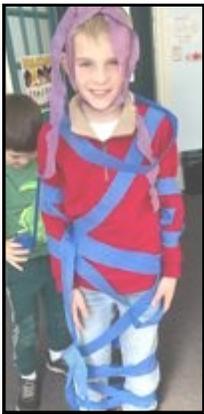
The shop is overflowing with beautiful spring and summer clothing, shoes, and accessories all sorted and ready for sale. We also have plenty of household items for sale as well. Stop by on a Wednesday or Saturday to check out the amazing treasures! The last day before the summer closing will be: June 3rd

Speaking of Wednesday and Saturday...if you have an extra four hours per month we could really use your help! Our volunteer pool is not as large as it once was and extra hands on a selling day would make a huge difference. If you are interested, please send a message through our FB posts or email. You can visit us in person to talk about volunteering on Tuesday from 9:30 to 12:00 or during shop hours on Wednesday or Saturday.

100% of our sales, which usually average over \$20,000 per year, go directly to the charities that we support. We have partnered with two new organizations this year — Mitzvah Circle and The Grace Project — that take all the surplus clothing and household items that we don't sell. Mitzvah Circle provides families in crisis with life necessities in their time of need. The Grace Project inspires financial independence for Kenyan families through education, healthcare, and vocational agricultural training. We are thrilled that our unsold inventory gets a second chance! St. Peter's Thrift Shop is an amazing ministry that has been in existence for over 30 years and continues to be an important part of our church and the North Wales community. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.



The "all ages" cemetery cleanup crew worked hard on a cloudy Saturday morning.



Learning about Lazarus can be fun!



Members of our confirmation class holding up renderings of the Ten Commandments. The originals were painted by Rob Lawlor, a Lutheran and former Philadelphia Tribune cartoonist.



**A full sanctuary and joyful music
on Easter morning.
He is Risen!**



**An abundance of food for
Easter breakfast.**



Families enjoy the Easter Egg hunt on the lawn.





Acyn & Blake Auxier
Bryan Auxier
Tom Brauman
Allen Bowmentre
Pres. Jimmy Carter
Joyce Chaffee
Tracy Cicala
Vickie Concepcion
The Crosson Family
Becky Cuccuzza
Lenny Defranco
Elin Detweiler
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The Dunn Family
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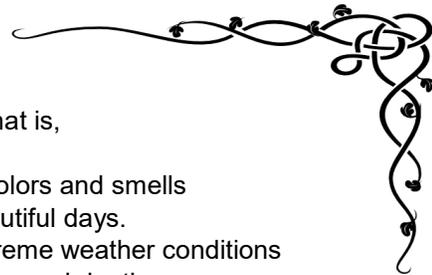
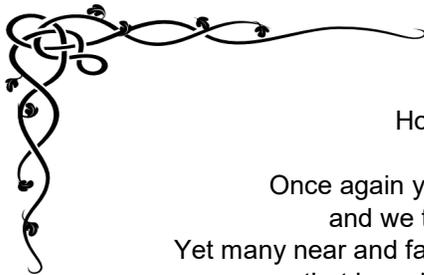
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John Foster
Joan Gauker
Jenny George
Barbara Glover
Julia Gregor
Eric Gutsche
Pat Hagy
Kev in Hart Family
Renaë Hayden
Ruth Herbert
Mabel Hoepfl
Janet Hoffman
Billy Kane
Herb Kavash
Leo Kirschner
RJ Krieswicki
Ian Iantanishen
Lenihan Family
John Lopresti
Lyman Lundeen
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Leona Marchakitus

Michael Mattoi
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Jon Miller
Joe Mitterhur
Bill Myers
Sally Neiderhiser
Arlene Novak
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Kirk Olson
Ingrid Olson
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Yolanda Romero
Rev. Ihor & Olga
Shemihon
Bruce Simons
Fred & Jen Snively
Diesel Stockton

Rob Strauss
Marlene Tegge
George Uhl
Florence Ulrich
Dale Underwood
Renaë Urban
Sam Wagner
Larry Whittaker
Barbara Wiedman
Sheila Wilkins
Charles Zajatz

AA members

People suffering from
illness, depression, anxiety,
natural disaster,
violence, or uncertainty in
their lives, especially the
people of the Ukraine, Turkey & Syria.



Holy God, Creator of all that is,

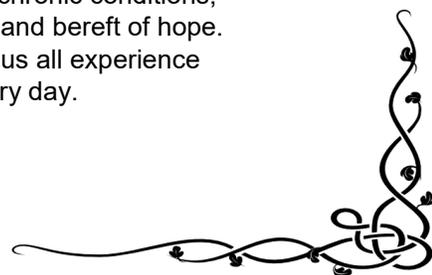
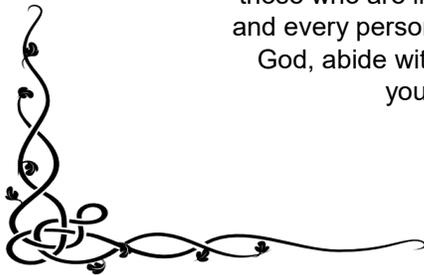
Once again you delight us with fall colors and smells
and we thank you for crisp, beautiful days.
Yet many near and far, are experiencing extreme weather conditions
that have brought destruction, loss, and death.
On perfect days it is easy to forget the suffering of others.
Lord, help us to be present for them; to be a source
of help and hope as they seek to rebuild their lives.

Lord, we continue to pray for peace in our country
and our world and for wisdom among the world's leaders as they
guide us through difficult times.

Hear our prayers also for all on our prayer lists
and those who care for them;
those who are ill, those struggling with chronic conditions,
and every person who feels diminished and bereft of hope.

God, abide with them and us, and let us all experience
your healing presence every day.

Amen.



We invite you to join us in prayer St. Peter's Prayer Ministry each month.
For information contact Anita Bailey at 610-836-2210

wishing you a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

Stacy BeahanApr 2
 Dominic DestefanoApr 2
 Vincent Alunni.....Apr 4
 Jimmy BlumApr 4
 Shelby McCartyApr 4
 Byrn PhelpsApr 4
 Carson Hain.....Apr 5
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 Kimberly Pavia.....Apr 6
 Benjamin ClarkApr 8
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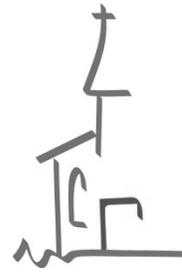
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