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Steeple Views

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WAGNER

Dear church,

The birds in my backyard are forever hopeful and resilient, busy making nests, finding food, filling the air with their little songs. The other day we discovered a nest in one of our umbrellas right below the top where the metal tracks form a small circle. It's a perfect spot when you think about it, but not so perfect for the human beings who also live on this property. So, my wife removed it – and the next day the nest was back! I have seen that before when the birds decided to camp on top of my garden hose storage and repeatedly came back. Silly birds! They are hopeful creatures, and probably very happy here, having plenty of food around our place.

**“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”**

Romans 15:13

In the Bible the word “hope” appears often in the New Testament, especially in the letters of Paul. At the end of Romans, he coins the term “the God of hope.” It’s not that hope is absent from the OT Scriptures, not at all. But there, the concept of hope is embedded in stories or in the prayers of the psalms. Paul incorporates it into his theology: the God of Hope. We remember that Paul was a man who had no permanent nest (in a nod to my birds) and was often in trouble for the progressive interpretation of his Jewish faith, which over time morphed into a new religion – Christianity. He often had reason to lose hope. A longer stint in prison or the repeated punishment of 49 lashes with a whip in a public place - humiliation intended, will have that effect on most people. Not so Paul. He believed in a God of hope and felt the energy of joy even during times of adversity. It’s something to admire, appreciate and emulate.

On a recent Friday I felt a nod from the God of hope when I attended our meeting of the Wissahickon Faith Community Association. We had invited the women from “We Care” Ambler to speak to us. These are community moms who took it upon themselves to make sure the kids in the lower income brackets have food and snacks throughout the year. They call them “snack attacks.”

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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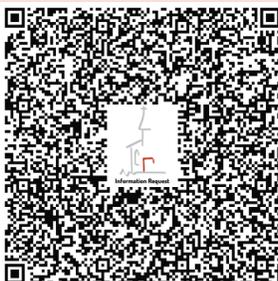
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St. Peter's Lutheran Church
to invite all people to
know, live, and share
Jesus Christ***



Information Request



PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

They even created a summer program that runs every Thursday in one of Ambler's parks with volunteers running games and sports for the kids that show up, everyone invited. I was most impressed with one lady who works as a teacher's aide in one of the Wissahickon schools, noticed the food insecurity among some of her students (more than I thought!) and just acted. She was the heart and soul of this project. Others joined her and helped create structure and organization with some local churches also providing help and resources. The God of hope is active and present in our community and in our church. Often it does not come from the pastor, which is a good thing and a healthy sign for a church... It is so much better when it comes from you, the people. Thank you! Throughout the month of June St. Peter's provides a temporary nest for women and children in need of shelter. May they find joy and hope in this place!

Pastor Andreas Wagner

PARISH UPDATES

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:



On Sunday, June 4,
Penelope (Penny)
Belle De Stefano was
baptized. She is the
daughter of Ashley
and Kevin de Stefano.

Confirmation, Sunday,
May 7, (pictured L to R):

Abby Clark, Brody Inman,
(Pastor Wagner) Noah
Shaffer, & Mason Charles



Confirmation Speech — Mason Charles

Hello everyone!

My name is Mason Charles. I was confirmed earlier this month and as my confirmation project I chose to talk about the song "Pray for Me" by Kendrick Lamar and The Weekend. I'm not sure if any of you know this song but let me introduce it to you. The song was showcased in the 2018 film "Black Panther." The superhero in the Black Panther movie asks, "Pray for me" It's interesting because you would think superheroes don't need help, or somebody to pray for them. Aren't they supposed to be invincible? Instead, he sings, "Who's going to pray for me, take pain for me, save my soul for me, cause I'm alone you see." This is an interesting superhero.

Doesn't it remind you of somebody else? Who would that be? (O.k., I admit pastor helped me here a little bit...) In the Christian gospel Jesus is our superhero. He died on the cross for us, took our sins away from us, he cares and loves all of us, he helped so many people, he even walked on water! Two times he brought people back to life when they were believed dead. That's what makes him a superhero, and guess what? In the days before his own death, Jesus, a superhero, asked his disciples to pray for him. They were meeting in a garden somewhere and he said to his best buddies: "Pray for me!" Their names were Peter, James, and John. But they fell asleep. Many people fall asleep when they try to pray for someone. They just forget. But the point is, everyone needs somebody to pray for them, even superheroes like Jesus.

Everyone goes through rough times, and when you see somebody going through something, help them! Pray for them, be with them! Speaking of... I could use some prayer. My family could use some prayer, my brothers and sisters...I'm certainly not a superhero, but life is not always easy. Pray for me!

Confirmation Speech — Abby Clark

Hi, my name is Abby Clark and I am part of the 2023 Confirmation class. The song you just listened to is "With Every Act of Love" by Jason Grey. It is about our faith.

This song is telling us that with every act of love or kindness we do, we are living and showing God's love. It is communicating to us that every act of love is building God's kingdom, and those acts will last forever.

Jason Grey wrote, "With every act of love, we are allowing the kingdom to come into the little part of the world that we influence and we can consecrate it to the kingdom whether we are building a home for the poor, or building a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for our kid. Whether we are caring for those in need, or doing laundry for our family, if we're doing it as an act of love, then it's eternal, it lasts forever and reserves part of our hearts for the Kingdom. I wanted a song that communicated the dignity and importance of doing everything with love and recognizing how inspiring it is that it will last forever."

Jesus commands us in Matthew 5:16 to "let your light shine" so that others may praise God based on seeing the power of his life in us. We need to celebrate that freedom with our hands reaching out to others and letting him shine in us.

One lyric that really stands out to me is, "God put a million, million doors in the world for his love to walk through. One of those doors is you." This means that I could be a

door to God's love; you could be a door to God's love. When we raise money for a Tiny House or host homeless people here in the month of June, we are a door to God's love.

To me, the overall message of this song is to spread kindness. This song was played to me during my younger childhood and encouraged me to spread God's kingdom and God's love by loving others and treating them with kindness. With the volunteering I do, it not only brings the people I help joy, but it also brings me joy and further connects me with God.

Every act of love is building God's kingdom, so I challenge myself and all of us to keep God's kingdom alive by spreading love and kindness today. Thank you for listening.

With Every Act of Love

Jason Gray

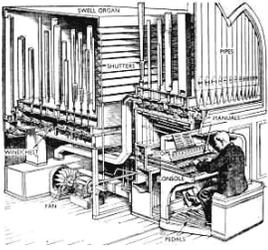
Sitting at the stoptlight
He can't be bothered by the heart cry
Written on the cardboard in her hands
Oh, but when she looks him in the eye
His heart is broken, open wide
And he feels the hand of God reach
out through him
As heaven touches earth

<Chorus>

We bring the kingdom come
With every act of love
Jesus, help us carry You
Alive in us, Your light shines through
With every act of love
We bring the kingdom come

There's silence at the table
He wants to talk but he's not able
For all the shame that's locked him
deep inside
Oh, but her words are the medicine
When she says they can begin again
And forgiveness will set him free to-
night
As heaven touches earth

God put a million, million doors in the
world
For His love to walk through
One of those doors is you
I said, God put a million, million doors
in the world
For His love to walk through
One of those doors is you



**A MESSAGE FROM
SAM TARASENKO
MUSIC
MINISTER**

Dear Friends,

Our 2022-2023 music season has just ended with the Feast of Pentecost. Summer is upon us and with it comes an exciting summer music series to hold us over before the start of the next season. We are featuring many interesting guests with diverse talents. Jim and Cindy will be leading a few jazz services. Amber Johnson will be providing a service of Spirituals and Gospel songs. The Doucettes will be providing string quartet music. And of course, we'll hear many of our own musicians with their particular set of skills! Be sure to check the schedule to see who's up next.

Have a great summer!

Warmly,
Sam



**ST. PETER'S
2023 SUMMER
WORSHIP** 

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| May 28 Pentecost Sunday
On the Lawn with St. Peter's Choir | July 23 The Omega Church
Spirituals & Gospels
With Amber Johnson |
| June 4 Long Before Time
Holy Trinity
Guests from Bethlehem Baptist | July 30 Immortal Diamond
The Doucette String Quartet |
| June 11 Callings
St. Peter's Bell Festival Sunday
Celebrating 30 years of handbells | August 6 Loaves and Fish
A remembrance of Dorothy Day
St. Peter's Vocalists |
| June 18 A Gentle Mission
Jim Holton & Cindy Le Blanc
Piano, flute, & cello | August 13 God is Out There!
On the church lawn
A Common Thread Band |
| June 25 Holy Trouble
Girl's Night Out | August 20 Prayer Sunday
for Turkey & Syria
Readings from that region &
Middle Eastern food |
| July 2 Creation Sunday on the Lawn
Instrumentalists from St. Peter's | August 27 Dreams of Justice
Dance group from
New Creation Church, Phila. |
| July 9 Sounds of Joy
Organ & Hymn Festival
Readings about joy & praise | September 3 Love in Action |
| July 16 Every Day is a Miracle
Jim Holton & Cindy Le Blanc
With a touch of laughter &
comedy | September 10 Rally Day in the Park
A Common Thread Band |



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Please come out and join us this summer for some fun family faith events.

4th of July: St. Peter's will be marching in the annual North Wales 4th of July Parade. There are so many ways to participate in the day: help decorate the float prior to the parade, walk with the float or ride your decorated bike, join us sitting on the float as we wave at the crowds, or come cheer us on from the steps and front lawn of the church!!! Prizes will be given for the folks spotted wearing their best 4th of July Spirit attire!!!

2nd Annual Summer Tubing Event: look for more details about a summer tubing on the Delaware. This is a family event open to all ages. Why not bring a friend or two!

Summer Jam Session - August 13: St. Peter's will host the first ever summer Jam Session highlighting our very talented band, "A Common Thread." There will be food trucks and games. What a great way to spend a lazy summer evening!! Good friends, great music, food and games!!!

Activity sheets and coloring pages for kids can be found in the back of the weekly bulletin, fun for parents too!

North Wales 4th of July Parade

We Want **YOU** To Volunteer!

Volunteers Needed - Fun For All Ages!!!!

Float Decorators meet at the church 9 am	Parade Starts 11 am Come Watch from Our Steps for the <i>BEST</i> Viewing!!	Ride on the Float or Walk / Bike with Us 10:30 am Start on Elm St
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RSVP: Jenn Bodolus by 6/18 - jbodolus04@gmail.com

WOMEN'S RETREAT

We Are Back!

Save the date: **October 28th**

Come join us for our 10th Women's Retreat. It is held at church. 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 & Prayer*.

St. Peter's Green Team

Greetings St Peter's! Who remembers saving candy wrappers and bringing them to church and placing them in our Trick or Trash Recycling box? We collected candy wrappers for close to four months and finally returned the box back to Rubicon.

Rubicon is on a mission to end waste and started the candy wrapper recycling program in 2019. In 2022, close to 5000 boxes were delivered across the country. Once recycled, the plastic from the candy wrappers is used to create doggy bags for local animal shelters. Any paper or aluminum wrappers are recycled using traditional methods. And any food waste that accidentally ends up in the box is composted.

St Peter's received our Recycling Certificate back from Rubicon. I am pleased to report that we as a congregation recycled 1.90 lbs. of candy wrappers. **AMAZING!** Thank you for helping keep our earth Green!

Sharon Brenfleck



ST. PETER'S READERS

St. Peter's Readers is a group of women who meet about every 6 weeks on a Tuesday from 11:30am - 1:00pm in the church parlor.

Future books are:

- June 13t: *The ExtraOrdinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugan
- July 25: *The Next Ship Home* by Heather Webb

We will then begin our 16th year reading our 99th book!!

- September 5: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Contact Charlene Bance with any questions.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Upcoming Blood Drives. New donors are always needed.

**Monday
August 28
November 27
2 pm - 7pm**

For appointments
www.redcross.org
Enter sponsor code:
St. Peters North Wales



ST. PETER'S SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATES

Blessing of Mayra Salgado's New House in Puerto Rico

Bernei Heinze has been in contact with Pastor Sharon Rios at our sister church in Puerto Rico and she has sent the good news that after six long years (!!!) Mayra Salgado's house is finally – almost – finished. All that is left is for the blessing of the house to take place. I've You will recall the fundraiser we did to pay for Mayra's new front door and windows after Hurricane Maria devastated the island. The new windows and door are pictured as n the photo below.



Mayra Salgado's "newly" constructed house in Puerto Rico showing the windows and front door made possible with donations from St Peter's.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Mark your calendar for October 14 & 15

Our celebration of the improvements and additions to our cemetery are scheduled for Sunday, October 15, 2023 after church (around noon) with the **Fall Clean Up Day** scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 9 am to noon.

It's been a chore to keep our newly planted trees watered but otherwise further progress has been made. John Ledder has quietly restored some of the old grave-stones that needed attention. The place up there looks really nice. We have held off on the ordering of the benches and the memorial plaques until the end of summer. They will be there, as will the historical markers, for our October celebration.

The Cemetery Committee

Thrift Shop News

Drum Roll Please.....

Over \$24,000 Donated to Local Charities

During the selling season, early September through early June, St. Peter's Thrift Shop generated \$24,000 in sales for local charities. The Thrift Shop continues its founding mission to support institutions helping victims of domestic abuse and those devoted to children and family services. Our Shop is open 11 hours per week, our prices are more than reasonable, all our inventory comes from donations so we never know what we will have on our shelves, and every week is a new adventure.

We have "made friends" with some of our shoppers that volunteer for other organizations, as they buy our items to support their needs. We are now donating some of our "out of season" items to them as they identify need. Some of our partners include:

- **Mitzvah Circle Foundation** (non-faith based agency) - based in Norristown, whose mission is to support individuals and families experiencing poverty, homelessness and serious illness - those walking along life's edge.
- **The Grace Project** - Restoring hope through acts of kindness. The Grace Project does outreach at McPherson Square in Philadelphia. Each Thursday night volunteers go to Kensington and set up tables of clothing and food often donated by corporations.

- **St. Peter's Outreach Program** - taking men's clothing and household items to our sister church in Kensington.
- **Salvation Army** - taking donations on a bi-weekly basis of those items which are not appropriate for, or those not up to our standards for sale.

We currently have about 25 volunteers who take care of unpacking and pricing the donations, prepping the shop on Tuesdays, and working Wednesdays and Saturdays when the shop is open. We could REALLY use your help if you have any time at all to help with this ministry. The work shifts are:

- Wednesdays 9:15 am-1:00 pm or 12:45 pm-4:30 pm
- Saturdays 9:00 am-1:00 pm.
- Tuesdays - restocking/cleaning days - anytime between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm

Contact the church office for more information.

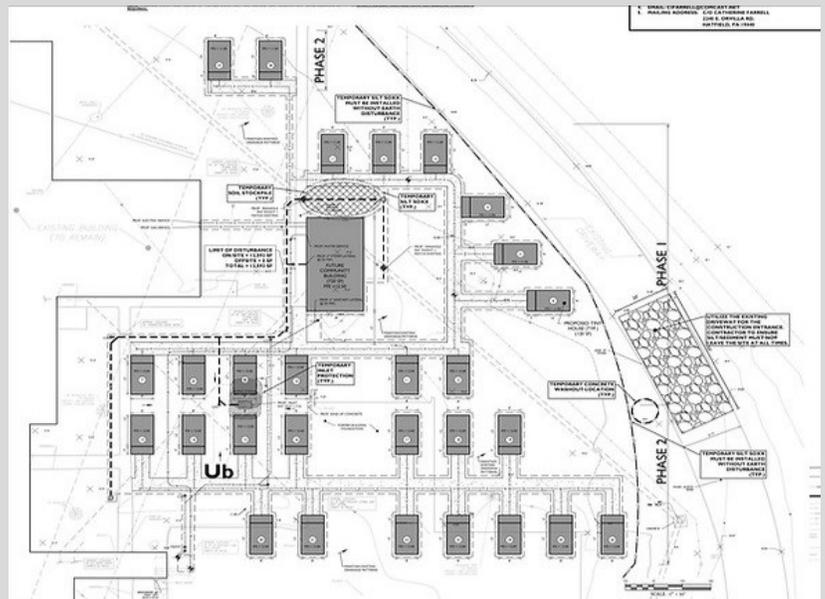
The Shop will reopen to accept donations starting in mid-August and opening day for the 2023-24 season will be Saturday, September 9th. St. Peter's Thrift Shop is an amazing ministry that has been in existence for over 30 years and continues to be an important part of our church and the North Wales community.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

SANCTUARY VILLAGE A Tiny House Village

A huge thank-you to all who contributed to the Tiny House village for homeless women in Philadelphia's Holmesburg section. A generous donor had challenged us to match a \$10,000 gift so we could sponsor one Tiny House, which costs \$20,000. As always, the congregation came through. By my rough estimate we raised about \$4,000 more. The overflow money will support Sanctuary Village as part of the Wissahickon Faith Community's contribution to the same cause. Your generosity is truly inspiring!

Pastor Andreas Wagner



Sanctuary Village Design

HANDBELL CELEBRATION

Liz Allen Retires after 30 years



Liz Allen surrounded by handbell ringers from across 30 years.

“Callings”

Sermon on Sunday, June 11, 2023

Dear church,

It's Call time in the gospel. Jesus walks the streets of North Wales. He passes by the impressive, shiny engines of the fire company. He takes in the fresh scents from Alice's Bakery, sweet and savory. He walks into the neighborhood, has a chat with the boy scouts and stops at 560 Church Street, approaching the screened-in porch with the outdoor furniture. There are wine glasses still on the table from the night before. Jesus feels quite at home. A woman opens the door, and he says to her, "Come, follow me, I will make you a Bell Choir Director." What he doesn't tell her is for how long. There are no details in this discipleship contract. There never are, by the way, not when it comes to Jesus. She would not know from this sudden encounter that this call would occupy 30 years of her life, would get her in touch with all kinds of strange characters and rob her of some much-needed nerves when she had to find another player in a pinch. Bell choirs don't work well without all the members of an octave gathered at the table. Bell choirs are community oriented, inter-dependent, you almost need twelve disciples, al-

most. So, how could she say no? Like Peter and John before her and like Matthew the tax collector mentioned in today's gospel, "no" was not an option when Jesus showed up at her front door back in 1993. She became a fisher of people with the most bizarre fishing rod, a conductor's baton. "Come follow me," she would say to dozens of people over the years. And guess what? They followed her.

In the gospels, these discipleship encounters led sooner or later to a free community meal. In today's gospel, Matthew is the gracious host. All kinds of people come to his house and help themselves. Sounds familiar? Perhaps Matthew was a distant cousin of Liz's, 2,000 years distant, but I detect a common disposition toward hospitality, don't you agree? Under her leadership, the St. Peter's Belles have set up feasts over the years, everyone invited: folks from the Lamb Foundation, a hungry German



pastor, children who can't wait to get their noses into the cupcakes, - and then also a good number of respectable people. Yes, sometimes we just gathered at Matthew's house, - I mean at Liz's house - and consumed copious amounts of food. We will not mention the wine. It was and still is a house of hospitality, a house of discipleship, a biblical place here in North Wales, with characters as colorful as those mentioned in the New Testament. The only difference: there are no doubt more women here! The disciples have names like Ruthann, Terry, Peg, Charlene, Karen, Judy, Susan, Beverly, Helen, Stephanie, Diana and then some. The kingdom of God is a community affair with bells and whistles... and hormones!

But now, going back to the gospel, as we must, there is trouble brewing and I don't know how to relate this to our bell music program, frankly, because there was never any trouble, right? Or maybe I was just blessed not to know. Some things in church I'd rather not know, you know? But there is trouble in the gospel reading because some overtly righteous characters are taking offense at the humanity of Jesus and his disciples and try to stop the party. They ask about the appropriateness of the gathering. They check the religious ID's and the church attendance records. They feel superior. But in Jesus' book anybody who feels superior to you has already revealed him-or herself as someone who does not understand the first thing about the grace of God. It's free...dom! The Pharisee's inquiries are like a dissonant, ugly bang in the middle of a joyful bell movement. It doesn't belong and Jesus sets them straight right away: "Don't you know? It's not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick." Indeed, everyone is invited, even the healthy, but especially those who need to feel the love of God in the form of loving touch, food, music, community, prayer, you name it. All those are healing potions!

I want to emphasize the community aspect of this bell choir ministry as it has literally played out over the past three decades. This project was about more than just music and notes and craftsmanship. It was also and no

less about friendship, community, being part of something meaningful and beautiful, leaning on each other, supporting one another. That was important as well and sometimes more important. Jesus said, "It's not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick." The Surgeon General of the United States says, "We are dealing with an epidemic of loneliness in the United States." People are getting sick from being too isolated on their devices and virtual realities, and for a boatload of additional reasons. People tend to be lonelier these days... Perhaps we are re-learning the importance of friendship and community that Jesus modeled his entire, shortened life on earth, from the wedding in Cana to the Last Supper. Likewise, we are reminded of the inter-play of people in every song offered by the community of bell players.

Jesus is still walking the streets of North Wales, by the way. He is still out there. I cannot rule out that Jesus is knocking on the door of 560 Church Street again. It's a good place. But for now, and for today, let us expect that someone else will be called and asked in that gentle and yet authoritative way that you just can't say "no" to: "Come, follow me! I will make you a fisher of people. I will make you a Bell Choir Director!" God needs you. **Amen.**



Confirmation 2023



Students from the Confirmation Class of '24 assist in this year's Confirmation Ceremony.



The Confirmation Class of '23.



Mason Charles on his Baptism & Confirmation Days.



Yvonne Garrity (R) & her daughter Jennifer (L). Yvonne was commissioned to be our new Stephen Ministry



Cathy Simcox & Nancy Simpson Butterfly Garden. The plants there are meant to attract bees & butterflies

Wine Tasting Social



Wine Tasting Committee: Karin Clark, Brian Brenfleck, Jenn Mahan, Sharon Brenfleck, Doug Mahan, Judy Jones, & Liz Allen.



Summer Worship at St. Peter's



St. Peter's Choir sings at our first summer service outside on the lawn on Pentecost.



Music Director Sam Tarasenko leads the choir on Pentecost.



Guests from Bethlehem Baptist church, the Hall family. From left: Andrew, Pastor Monica, Anthony and Toni. Anthony and Andrew provided music for our second summer service.



Mindfulness Meditation

WITH JEFF FAZIO

TUESDAY EVENINGS 7:30 PM

MAY 23 JUNE 6, 20, 27 JULY 18 AUGUST 1, 15, 29

ST. PETER'S
211 S. MAIN ST.
NORTH WALES



North Wales 4th of July Parade

Watch With Us!

On St. Peter's Front Steps

11 am

Red-White-Blue Dress Up Contest!!!



Acyn & Blake Auxier
 Bryan Auxier
 Tom Brauman
 Allen Bowmentre
 Pres. Jimmy Carter
 Michelle Iezzi Carter
 Joyce Chaffee
 Tracy Cicala
 Vickie Concepcion
 The Crosson Family
 Becky Cuccuzza
 Lenny Defranco
 Elin Detweiler
 James Doherty
 The Dunn Family
 Toni Durian

Kristi Farmer
 Marion Feathers
 John Foster
 Joan Gauker
 Barbara Glover
 Julia Gregor
 Eric Gutsche
 Pat Hagy
 Kev in Hart Family
 Ruth Herbert
 Mabel Hoepfl
 Paul Hoepfl
 Janet Hoffman
 Norma Janus
 Billy Kane
 Herb Kavash
 Leo Kirschner
 RJ Krieswicki
 Ian Iantanishen
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 John Lopresti
 Lyman Lundeen
 Cindy Mancuso

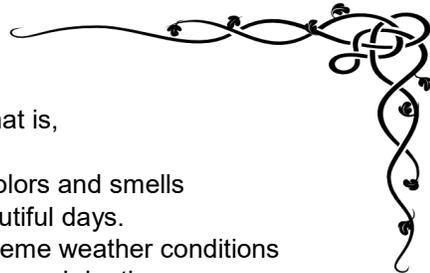
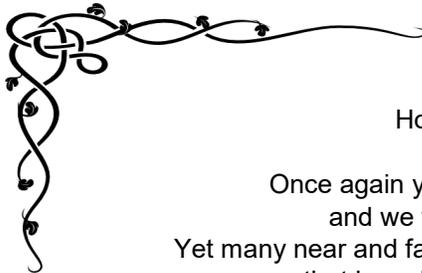
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 Mike O'Hanlon
 Kirk Olson
 Ingrid Olson
 Eve & Bryn Phelps
 Yolanda Romero
 Virginia Ryan
 Rev. Ihor & Olga
 Shemihon
 Bruce Simons
 Fred & Jen Snively

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

AA members

The families staying with us in June.

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



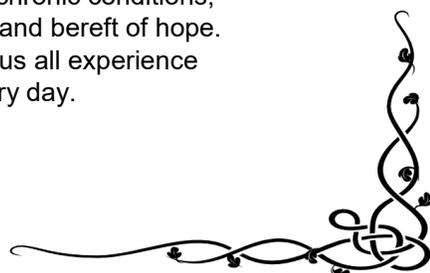
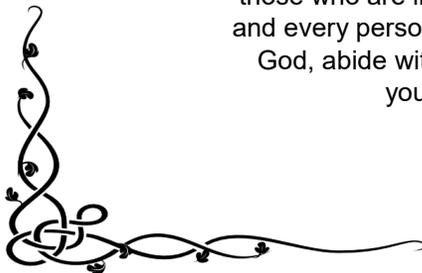
Holy God, Creator of all that is,

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

June

Lisa Miller Jun 1
 Charlene Bance..... Jun 3
 Bailee Charles Jun 3
 Mary Ann Landmesser ... Jun 3
 Nora Ouellette Jun 3
 Cassidy Flanagan..... Jun 7
 Tyler Trippetti Jun 8
 Nancy Simons Jun 14
 Betty Walter Jun 17
 Steve Wright..... Jun 18
 Missa Kalb Jun 19
 Nathan Browne..... Jun 22
 Gabriel Henderson Jun 22
 Jean Meyer..... Jun 22
 Patrick Ouellette Jun 22
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 Kelsey Rauchut Jun 23
 Shane Watts Jun 24
 Lilly Thompson Jun 25
 Taelyn Gallagher Jun 26
 Julia Wagner Jun 26
 Jenny Wunder Jun 27
 Cindy Mannon Jun 28
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 George Long Jun 29

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Crystal Bergey Jul 2
 Diana Blum Jul 5
 Shane Gallagher Jul 5
 Bob McGilloway Jul 5
 Nancy Kulp..... Jul 7
 Vienna Alunni Jul 10
 Dan Long..... Jul 10
 Brian Coover Jul 11
 Brianna Bodolus..... Jul 13
 Megan Flanagan Jul 14
 Billy Kane Jul 14
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 Lois Wisser Jul 20
 Ginny Benner Jul 23
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 Teaghan Gallagher Jul 28
 Jen Morrow Jul 28
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 Roy Schmidt..... Aug 2
 Isaac Baker Aug 3
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 Adele Herbert Aug 4
 Jung Seo Aug 5
 Diane Zenker..... Aug 6
 Kaitlyn Walter Aug 7
 Sam Tarasenko..... Aug 15
 Ella Meyer Aug 17
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Bulletin Bloopers

- **The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.**
- **During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.**
- **At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.**



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Romaine lettuce, grated parmesan cheese, classic caesar dressing & croutons.
ADD grilled chicken for \$3.00

ROASTED VEGGIE BOWL \$16
Roasted cauliflower and broccoli, fresh avocado, chick peas, a sweet citrus slaw & homemade pico de gallo over cilantro lime rice

DINNER ENTREES

BEEF SHORT RIB* \$26
Slow roasted and served with buttermilk mashed potatoes, gravy & a broccoli medley

GRILLED SALMON * \$24
Grilled and topped with an orange ginger sauce served with white rice & a broccoli medley

MAHI MAHI * \$25
Pan seared with homemade mango salsa & served with cilantro lime rice & a broccoli medley

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA \$22
Breaded chicken breast seared to perfection and smothered under homemade marinara sauce & mozzarella cheese. Served with spaghetti and garlic bread

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS* \$19
With marinara, homemade meatballs, parmesan cheese & garlic bread

LOADED MAC & CHEESE WITH BBQ PORK \$18
Substitute Short Rib for \$4.00

GRILLED BEEF TENDERLOIN* \$28
Red wine marinated beef tenderloin, grilled and sliced. Served with buttermilk mashed potatoes, broccoli medley, and our mushroom worcestershire sauce.

SIDES

BROCCOLI MEDLEY \$4
Roasted broccoli, cauliflower & baby carrots

BAKED FRENCH FRIES \$4
Add cheese sauce for \$2.00

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CREAMY COLESLAW \$4

BUTTERMILK MASHED POTATOES \$4

GUACAMOLE \$2

PICO DE GALLO \$1

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SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS* \$10

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