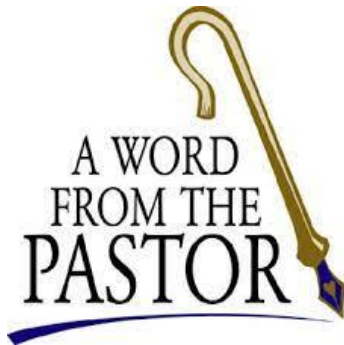




THE BEACON

February 2025

“Let your light shine before others”



In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus says to his followers, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” The Apostle John said of Jesus, “And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.”

Psalm 22 says, “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.”

Though we don’t know for sure how God will bring all the world together in God’s heavenly vision of peace and goodwill, we do know that, as far back as Noah, a covenant was promised to all people and creatures of the earth.

It is for us to remember always that our world is not stuck in its history of suspicion and hate and violence. God has a vision that will manifest as God wills.

Oh, how we need the grace of God, as much as ever! As long as there are believers willing to uphold a heavenly vision of peace and community, as long as faithful followers come together to proclaim and share God’s Good News, then, like a light in the darkness, heaven’s grace shall prevail.

Praise be to God. Amen.

CONCERT

St Peter's Pikeland Concert Series presents The Rookery on Saturday, February 8th at 3:00pm

The Rookery, an Irish trio based in Philadelphia, is a trio that specializes in traditional Irish dance and folk music, paired with influences from the broad spectrum of genres that the members have performed over their careers. Rob Curto plays accordion and guitar, Maura Dwyer is on fiddle, and Eamon Kelly plays the bouzouki, a traditional Greek instrument that has become an integral part of Irish folk music. This is a concert not to be missed! Spread the word and invite your friends for this free concert on Saturday, February 8th @ 3:00pm

A reception will be held afterwards in Fellowship Hall to meet the band. If you are interested in helping out with refreshments, please contact Kat Bowman.



You can learn more about The Rookery and their music on their website, www.rookerymusic.com

JOLLY QUIZZES

answers on page 5



- 1-who painted
a-first Last Supper Mural
b-Mona Lisa
c-Sistine Chapel
- 2-How many children per family are needed
To replace the population
- 3-name the 5 American territories
- 4-there are 5 words that begin with dw—name 3
- 5 the only word that ends in mt
- 6-who was the Brown Bomber
- 7-what team is Bronx Bombers
- 8-Remember Red Skelton? Who was his hobo character
- 9-we danced under a lowering stick—called ___?

Thanks Charlotte for finding more than 4 words ending in __'ous'

Yogi Berra said "never answer an anonymous letter"

ONLINE giving

We are excited to tell you we have a new online giving platform for St. Peter's Pikeland UCC. Hold your phone's camera over this QR code, press the yellow button that says "myamplify.io" and you can give online, anytime, with your cellphone.



All online giving will still be confirmed in your offering statement. This is a very easy way to give to St. Peter's.

This QR code will be in the Sunday bulletin each week as well.

BINGO

Bethany Children's Home is hosting its annual Purse/Cash Bingo event on February 2, 2025 at the Temple Fire Company! There will be 20 games, concessions, raffles, a cash bar, game specials, and more! Doors will open at 10:45 a.m. and the first game will start promptly at noon. You can purchase your tickets online ahead of time for \$35 or in person at the door for \$45.

Bethany Children's Home

Purse & Cash

B I N G O

Temple Fire Company
Sunday February 2, 2025

Doors Open: 10:45AM
First Game: 12PM

\$35 advance tickets
\$45 at door

**Raffles
Cash Bar
Game Specials
And More!**

To purchase your tickets please scan the QR or visit www.bethanyhome.org/2025events/



Semi-annual Meeting

After worship on January 26th, the Semi-annual Meeting of the congregation was held. The agenda included a vote on the 2025 budget.

Dan Gorge, Treasurer, presented the 2025 budget, and Mark Myers, Congregational President, then opened the floor for discussion. Following that, the budget was passed.

Mark then asked if there was any new business, and ended the meeting by calling for the meeting to be adjourned.



HOAGIE SALE



Hoagie and Bakeless Bake Sale

We will be taking orders for Foresta's delicious hoagies on Sunday, February 23rd and on Sunday March 2nd. Your support is much needed and always appreciated.

Hoagies will be available to pick up during Social Hour on Sunday, March 9th.

PACS Food Drive



We will be collecting food and non-essentials thru February. If you prefer not to shop and still want to participate see Kathleen Wachsmuth or Kathy Krasley for making a cash donation and we will do the shopping for you.

They cannot accept open/expired food or glass containers.

Look for PACS list of items most needed here, hanging in the church and Fellowship Hall.



- * Condiments
- * Cooking Oil
- * Coffee and Tea
- * Canned Pasta
- * Sugar
- * Shelf-stable non-dairy milk
- * Spices
- * Salad Dressing
- * Jelly
- * Juice
- * Flour
- * Soup
- * Canned Meats
- * Instant Mashed Potatoes
- * Mac and Cheese
- * Pancake mix & Syrup
- * Gravy
- * Canned Fruit
- * Granola Bars
- * Instant Oatmeal
- * Cereal
- * Breadcrumbs
- * Grits
- * Hot Chocolate
- * Stuffing
- * Bottled Water
- * Deodorant
- * Shampoo
- * Hand soap
- * Body wash
- * Conditioner
- * Sanitary Pads and tampons
- * Toilet paper
- * Dish Soap
- * Bleach
- * White vinegar
- * Hypoallergenic Laundry detergent
- * Diapers
- * Formula (ex: Similac)

MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday here at St. Peter's is always held on the last Sunday of February. The incredible amount of outreach by our church is recognized and celebrated.

This year on February 23rd, we will be blessed to have with us Debbie McGinn, Program and Development Coordinator for Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS).

Since 1972, PACS has aspired to be the lead resource for food insecurity in the community.

Debbie will share updates and personal reflections about the dedicated efforts of PACS.

Come and celebrate our long-standing support of their inspiring work!



Debbie McGinn
Program and Development
Coordinator

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



Join us on Sunday, February 9th wearing your favorite team jersey *and bring a can of soup* to contribute to the food drive!

You are also encouraged to bring your favorite Super Bowl snack to share during Fellowship time.



DISASTER RELIEF INCLUDING BOTH NORTH CAROLINA AND CALIFORNIA



Tekie's granddaughter, Lila Rose, has been working very closely with several organizations in North Carolina including: Rebuilding Hope, Freedom Baptist Church, Ash Harvest Ministries, and Creston Volunteer Fire House. These organizations are helping many communities in NC recover from Hurricane Helene in late September 2024.

On February 13th, Fred (maybe Andrew) will be joining a caravan to deliver goods to NC. Fred will be taking 12 large hay bales that were donated in Hegins, PA. Many farmers had their land destroyed in the flooding that followed the hurricane. Lila has been trying to get hay delivered there since October. Other items are needed so if anyone would like to contribute cat food, dog food, goat feed, chick feed, non-perishable food items, new blankets, new linens and small kitchen appliances. Monetary donations are also welcome make check payable to St. Peter's Pikeland UCC and memo Disaster Fund NC.

All donations need to be at the church by Sunday, February 9th which is Souper Bowl Sunday. Wear your favorite team logo, bring a can of soup to support PACS and food item for Social Hour's Super Bowl themed fellowship time.

If you would like to assist California victims from the wildfires please make check payable to St. Peter's Pikeland UCC memo Disaster Fund CA. You can also just help replenish the general Disaster Fund.

Fred and I are so blessed to be part of a Church Community that always helps people in need.

Sincerely, Maureen and Fred Wookey, III





Douglas Hanson	2/1
Lisa Wilson	2/1
Sarah Hackman	2/2
Tyler McClimon	2/2
Geoff Osborne	2/2
Chase Nicholson	2/5
Chris Zaro Jr	2/7
JB Osborne	2/8
William Carnevale	2/8
Reka Nance	2/10
Jill Cook	2/11
Vicki Hennig	2/13
Brian Michener	2/13
Emily Gorge	2/13
Janna Barney	2/13
Wayne Freese	2/14
Rylin Montieth	2/15
Eric Hanson	2/17
Chris Maguire	2/17
Dana Lorenz	2/19
Don Giordano	2/22
Cherri Romano	2/24
Chris Zaro Sr.	2/25
Drew Zummo	2/25
Barbara Murdoch	2/28
Isabella Giordano	2/28
Gail Freese	2/28



Steve and Kathy Krasley 2/2

PASSINGS



Bette Miller passed away on January 11th, at the age of 91.

A memorial service will be held at the church on Wednesday, March 19th, at 11:00am. The 19th would have been the 70th wedding anniversary for her and Bill.



Shirley Detwiler passed away on January 20th, at the age of 95.

There will be a memorial service here at St. Peter's Pikeland on Tuesday, February 4th at 11am. There will be no visitation time before. There will not be a burial until an undetermined future date. A luncheon will be held off site, at a location to yet be determined.

Please keep Bette and Shirley's families in your thoughts and prayers.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



- 5: Ash Wednesday service 7:30pm
- 9: Daylight Saving Time begins
- 15: Chili Cook-off 6:00 pm
- 29: Spring clean-up

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who stayed after church to help with the Un-Hanging of the Greens. Many hands made for lighter work for all.



Keep up to date on special things here at St. Peter's Pikeland by "liking" us on Facebook

Answers to the Jolly Quiz:

- 1a—Leonardo da Vinci
- b—da Vinci
- c- Michelangelo
- 2-2.0
- 3-Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Northern Marianas
- 4-dwarf, dweeb, dwell, dwindle, dwine
- 5-dreamt
- 6-the boxer Joe Louis
- 7-N Y Yankees
- 8-Freddy the Freeloader
- 9-The Limbo

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 2025

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

Dave Wise Jr.- Chair
Bob McClimon
Albert Wachsmuth

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
Dr. Michael J. Ward
Ernie Gross, cousin of Fred Wookey
Friends and family of Bette Miller
Friends and family of Shirley Detwiler
Gail Grealey, cousin of the Wise family
Gwen Davidson
Grady Dendunnen, grandson of Ted and Helen Morgan
Heather Murphy, cousin of Steve Krasley
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
Jessica G., friend of Grace Merryman
Jim Smith, Denise Harlow's brother
John Pandjak
John Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman
Laura Dick
Laura S., friend of Grace Merryman
Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys
Melinda Greenwood, cousin of Joe Thomson
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
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 Harlo
Tina Frick, friend of Sarah Hackman

