



# THE BEACON

*“Let your light shine before others”*

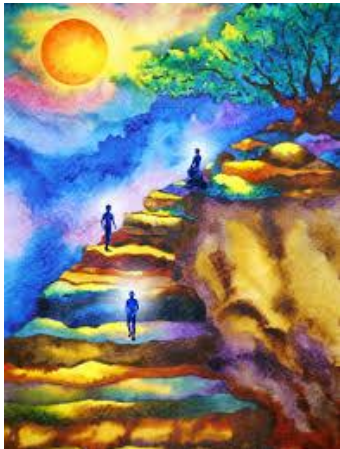
## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Earlier in September, Pope Francis went on an 11-day, four-nation trip through tropical Southeast Asia and Oceania.

In a speech to young people in Singapore, he said the following:

*All religions are paths to reach God. They are - to make a comparison – like different languages, different dialects, to get there. But God is God for everyone. If you start to fight saying ‘my religion is more important than yours, mine is true and yours isn’t’, where will this lead us? There is only one God, and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Some are Sikh, Muslim, Hindu, Christians; they are different ways to God.”*

The martyr Stephen, in Acts, chapter 7, says, “the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands; as [Isaiah] says, ‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?’”



When Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman in John 4, after she talks about the Samaritans claiming God resides on their mountain, while the Jews claim God resides in their Temple, Jesus says, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem...”

\*Continued on page 2

## Room to Read

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.

Join us.....

R2R Sunday - Sunday, October 13



The presentation in worship, on October 13th, will include inspiring success stories of young people who are able to move forward in their lives because of the generous donations of others, including St. Peter’s.

Please consider a donation to Room to Read. Checks can be made out to St. Peter’s UCC, Memo R2R. Mailed donations will also be gratefully accepted.

We thank you for your continued support!

-Wayne Freese, Herman Nieuwenhuizen and Dick Sherman

\*Note from the Pastor Continued...

But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Some point to John 14:6 to prove that God the Son resides only in Christian houses of worship, even though John says that Jesus is God the Creator in chapter 1. Jesus says in chapter 14 that “No one comes to the Father except through me.” However, in chapter 6, Jesus twice says the opposite (44, 65), and so we must be careful in our interpretations and assumptions.

For some, the idea of a wider embrace by God is refreshing and hopeful. For others, it feels like a challenge to their beliefs. I encourage all Christians to open to a fresh look at our faith; to celebrate a worldwide spiritual awakening that would include all who seek God in Spirit and in truth. This takes nothing away from our Christian faith, except to allow for other seekers to find God where they have been planted in the world.

May God bless you on your spiritual journey, and may God lead us to the great procession that joins us all together, now and forever.



## Trustee's Corner



We continue to deal with trees. The large Ash Tree down by the parsonage split in half during the summer resulting in a cleanup effort to remove the downed portion. After evaluating the remaining tree, we concluded that it should be removed by a tree company rather than us cutting it down. There is also a large dead pine by Fellowship Hall that needs to be removed. During a subsequent storm, a large Willow limb came down behind the parsonage, again leading to a cleanup effort.

Looking at the area behind the parsonage, there is a significant amount of deadwood, brush, and smaller dead trees. We will be addressing this area during the fall cleanup on Saturday, November 23rd at 8 am.

## JOLLY QUIZZES

-Wayne Freese

Each Month, you will now find jolly quizzes in our Beacon. The answers can be found on page 4.

- 1-Who was only President from Pa
- 2-What was the Presidents name in 1976
- 3-How did the name MINUTEMEN come to be
- 4-What Prime Minister was born in a ladies room at a dance
- 5-Name the first Department Store in the USA
- 6-if you dance under a stick, what are you doing
- 7-how much dirt is in a 3x4x5 ft hole
- 8—Where was the first drive-in movie
- 9-the last baseball player to hit .400 was ...
- 10-Most dust particles in your home are \_\_\_\_\_?



Something to ponder.....Can an Athiest get insurance against Acts Of GOD

## Sewing Circle News

### Harvest Home on Sunday, October 20th



Harvest Home comes to an end on Sunday, October 20th.

There are flyers hanging up in the church and Fellowship Hall to give you an idea of what is needed. And, just so you know, the need is greater this year more than ever before. If you prefer to give a cash donation see Kathleen

Wachsmuth or Kathy Krasley. We will be more than happy to do the shopping for you. Mums will be available for purchase on October 20th. The price is \$7.



### Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering

The Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering will be held here in Fellowship Hall on November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have never been to this event please come. It's a day you won't soon forget. All we ask is that you bring a covered dish to share with our guests.

### Redner's Receipts

Supporting the Sewing Circle is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Shop at Redner's, use your bonus card when checking out and bring your receipt to church. We have containers for the receipt's at each entrance of the church. You can also mail them to the church.

## LIVE STREAMING IS HERE!



We are livestreaming our worship services every Sunday so you can watch either live on Sundays at 10:00am or anytime later if you can't make it to church. Just click the link below and select the date you wish to watch. I hope to see you in church, but if you can't make it we can all gather on the Youtubes!

<https://www.youtube.com/@StPetersPikeland/streams>

Regards,  
Pete Warner  
Congregational President

## Outdoor Worship Service

On Sunday, September 15, we enjoyed another great outdoor service.



## Spring Mill's Newest Resident



Anna Mae Moore is now living at Spring Mill. She moved in at the end of September and quickly reunited with old friends from St. Peter's.

If you would like to visit her, she would love it! She would like to thank the Sewing Circle for the lovely flower arrangement!

# HARVEST HOME FOOD DRIVE

September-October

Items MOST needed for the Harvest Home Food Drive

- pancake mix
- syrup
- pop tarts
- granola bars
- body wash and 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



## October Birthdays



Kirstin Smith	10/1
Meghan Cavan	10/3
Mackenzie Wookey	10/3
Alice Bierer	10/7
Herman Nieuwenhuizen	10/8
Steve Krasley	10/9
Douglas Beatty	10/11
Norman Norris	10/13
TJ Dunn	10/14
Emily Cavan	10/14
Lynn Mailey	10/15
Don Davidson	10/16
Jordan Spranger	10/17
Alexandra Furlong	10/19
Richard Merryman	10/20
Ian Mansmann	10/21
Bill Bierer	10/22
Rich Nicholson	10/22
George Smith	10/22
John Borzillo	10/25
Bob McClimon	10/26
Christina Whitlatch	10/28
Carol Krisch	10/28
Tyler Smiley	10/29
Erin Martin	10/31

## Wedding Anniversaries

Eileen and Bob Biddle  
 Tom and Lauren Carnevale  
 Daniel and Cindy Gorge  
 Barb and Sam McCabe  
 Bob and Dee McClimon Jr.  
 Richard and Grace Merryman  
 Doug and Laura Yeakle  
 Jeff and Jessica Griffiths  
 Greg and Sonja Wheelan

## Fall Festival:

Join us Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> for a fun filled afternoon of activities. We will be hosting the annual St. Peter's Fall Festival concurrent with Room To Read. Festival activities will be outside behind Fellowship Hall to include our usual hamburgers hot dogs, and sides. We have asked attendees to bring a side and or desert to the festival. Bring a pumpkin! ( or 2) This year we will hold our first annual pumpkin carving/decorating contest during the festival. Rules will be ala chili cookoff with tickets purchased for your favorite pumpkins. All proceeds to St. Peters missions.

Categories to include:  
 Scariest Pumpkin  
 Funniest Pumpkin  
 Best Painted Pumpkin



See you there!

### Answers to the Jolly Quiz:

1. James Buchanan
2. Joe Biden was his name then too
3. The Mass. legislature in 1770's established a militia that could 'fight in a minute'
4. Winston Churchill
5. John Wanamaker
6. The LIMBO
7. None—it's a hole
8. Camden NJ
9. Ted Williams—86 years ago
10. dead skin



## November Highlights

All Saints Sunday- 3rd  
 Recognition of Veterans- 10th  
 Pickering Valley Guild Ingathering- 12th  
 Leaf Mania- 23rd  
 Annual Meeting and Bear Fair Dedication- 24th  
 Blessing of the Hounds- 28th



# 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.

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  
 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  
 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  
 Mike Brown  
 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 Harlow

