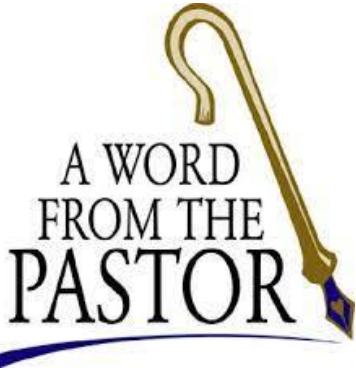




# THE BEACON

November 2024

*“Let your light shine before others”*



November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day every year in the Christian Church. By the 4<sup>th</sup> century, holy days were set aside to remember the martyrs of the faith. A few hundred years later, all the saints were commemorated, whether

martyrs or not. By the 9<sup>th</sup> Century, November 1<sup>st</sup> became the norm for this holy day.

As time went by, All Saints Day became a time to give thanks for all Christians who had served the church in their time, and who have been received into heaven. It's traditional in many churches to also remember those members who have passed since November 1<sup>st</sup> the year before. During worship, their names are read, and a candle is lit or a bell rung. Many churches sing the hymn, "For All the Saints."

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, All Saints Sunday here at St. Peter's, we fondly remembered and gave thanks for the following members who have passed since last year: Charles Booraem, Jean Neiman, Clarice Bowman, and Judy Smythe. May we never forget those who have served our church, that others may receive the fruits of their labor, to the glory of God's name.

## Hangings of the Greens

**Sunday, December 1st at 7:00 pm**

More details to come for those who wish to be an active part in the service!

Please see page 3 for Bethany Children's Home Christmas Wish List, as we collect items for Bethany the night of the Hanging of the Greens.



Thank you to everyone who has supported R2R again this year! There is still a little time before we submit our funds to the organization (usually at Thanksgiving) so if you haven't yet had the chance but you'd like to contribute, please write a check to St Peter's with R2R in the memo line. We'll have a final update on our impact in the next newsletter!

We thank you for your continued support!

-Wayne Freese, Herman Nieuwenhuizen and Dick Sherman

## Annual Meeting

Following the service on Sunday, November 24th, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held.

We need to meet our By-Law requirements for a voting quorum. We understand that we can't all attend church, so we will be e-mailing out absentee ballots prior to the meeting. Please fill your ballot out and return it to the church office before November 24th. You can also e-mail the ballot or send in the mail.

We will vote for our new Consistory members and Congregational officers at the annual meeting.

We also will get a first look at a draft budget for 2025, with the vote for that slated in January.

## FALL FESTIVAL

This year's fall festival was held on Sunday, October 13th which coincided with Room to Read Sunday. It was a beautiful day and all attendees had a wonderful time. We enjoyed burgers, hot dogs, salads, chips, cookies and apple cider. There was a hayride which showcased the beautiful fall leaf colors. We also had a pumpkin decorating contest.



## Trustee's Corner

### Leaf Mania

The Trustees of the church, who are in charge of the buildings and grounds, are asking for volunteers to come to the annual Fall Leaf Mania on Saturday morning, November 23rd at 8:00 am.

Please bring your leaf blowers, rakes, tarps, and branch cutters. Many hands make light work! We will be clearing old dead undergrowth and downed trees behind the Parsonage in addition to our normal cleanup activities.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Scott and Chris Maguire, and the Boden family for taking down two trees on the church property.

A pine tree by Fellowship Hall had died, and a tree by the parsonage split down the middle in a recent storm. It was a *lot* of work by these volunteers, but a true blessing for the church. Thank you!



## JOLLY QUIZZES

-Wayne Freese

Each Month, you will now find jolly quizzes in our Beacon. The answers can be found on page 5.

- 1-where was Francis Scott Key when he wrote Star Spangled Banner
- 2-What States of the original 13 did not touch the Atlantic Ocean
- 3-how old is an Oak tree before it drops acorns
- 4-what English word is always spelled incorrectly
- 5-The oldest city in the World is.....
- 6-What is the youngest country
- 7-Yogi Berra said 'if you come to a fork in the road, \_\_\_\_\_?'
- 8-Who was Gutzon Borglund (U R good if you get this)
- 9-Who was the General at Battle of New Orleans
- 10-Olympics started 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, to 5<sup>th</sup> century AD—in what century were team sports added
- 11-How did they light the Olympics torch

FUN FACT: Fingernails grow twice as fast toe nails



# Hanging of the Greens

Once again, we will be celebrating our traditional Hanging of the Greens service. On Sunday, December 1st at 7 pm, we will gather in the sanctuary to decorate the church for Christmas and prepare ourselves for the spirit of the season.

As in the past, we will be supporting Bethany Children's Home with gifts on this special evening. Please see below for the list of needed and wanted items.

All are welcome to bring a gift for Bethany.

## Bethany Wish List

### Cottage Needs

- small bins with handles for toiletries
- bed pillows
- twin sheets
- twin zippered waterproof mattress pads
- bath & pool towels
- shower curtain liners and rings
- kitchen dish cloths/towels
- twin comforters
- 4-slice toasters
- flashlights & nightlights
- sketch books
- MP3 players

### Teen Boys' Clothing

*mens' sizes please*

- sweatpants for men-sizes small-2XL
- underwear-boxer briefs
- socks-all types
- pajama pants-Sizes Small-2XL
- white t-shirts – all sizes
- gym shorts
- rubber-soled slippers or slides
- robes
- snow boots

### Teen Girls' Clothing

*Juniors and misses sizes please*

- sweatpants– small-2X
- panties – size 5,6,7 & 8
- sports bras/bralettes- Small-2XL
- socks-all types
- pajamas – all sizes
- bath robes
- tank tops
- slippers
- gym shorts
- snow boots

### Recreation

- agility ladder
- basketballs (29.5-inch)
- kickballs & playground balls
- pickleball paddles & balls
- TRX Workout Band (Brand)
- 1.5-inch yoga mats
- meditation pillows
- black ¾-inch buckles for paracord bracelets
- Lego sets
- Pony Beads
- Rexlace plastic lacing
- embroidery thread
- Sculpey clay & Accessories/Tools – <https://www.sculpey.com/products/tools>
- Nalgene water bottles
- storage bins
- **\*large Bluetooth speaker for outside use\***
- larger easy-up tent
- Mechanic tool sets
- 2-stage locking carabiners
- 3-stage auto-locking carabiners
- teambuilding sports
- bookcases

### Activity Items

- art & craft kits
- adult coloring books
- paint-by-number
- tie-dye kits (with white shirts and pillowcases)
- card stock
- paint brushes
- hand-held games
- board games
- scrapbook paper
- canvas boards
- yarn
- crochet & knitting needles
- colored pencils
- hardbound journals

### Accessories

- umbrellas
- digital alarm clock with no radio
- washbaskets
- rain ponchos & boots
- wrapping paper
- gift bags
- tissue paper
- large storage containers



# Sewing Circle News

## Harvest Home Highlights



Harvest Home was on Sunday, October 20th. Thanks to your help, we were able to donate 501 pounds of food to PACS! That amount will help 167 people!!!!

PACS, the St. Peter's Sewing Circle and members of the community thank you for your gracious donations!



**St. Peter's Pikeland  
United Church of Christ  
501 lbs Donated**



### 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.

### 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.

### Dave Wise's Mission

The next time you are in the entrance of Fellowship Hall, you will notice Dave Wise's Mission baskets set up to collect items for care bags for the homeless.

You can donate items such as:

- Protein Bars
- Granola Bars
- Pop Tarts
- Packs of Crackers
- Honey Packets (Travel Size):
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Dental Floss
- Body Wipes
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Socks (Cotton/Wool)
- Winter Hats
- Warm Gloves
- EMERGENCY BLANKETS (Can be purchased on Amazon)





Kris Pool	11/1
Karen Wilson	11/2
Charles Stein	11/3
Hugh Lawson	11/4
Cindy Zummo	11/5
Gwen Davidson	11/6
Patty Myers	11/6
Joyce Rosen	11/9
Kaitlyn Cook	11/10
Sally Mansmann	11/11
Cindy Warner	11/11
Alex Raichle	11/13
Alex Cavan	11/14
Pat Heckman	11/19
Jennifer Wachsmuth	11/19
Jeff Griffiths	11/20
Eric Johnson	11/22
Lisa Blue	11/23
Alec Myers	11/23
Cindy Cheney	11/24
Peter Wilson	11/24
Laura Hackman	11/26
Cole Nordhoff	11/26
Dick Sherman	11/28
Karl Schay	11/29

*Happy Anniversary!*



**November**  
**Wedding Anniversaries**

- Bob and Carole Frederick
- Wayne and Gail Freese
- Rich and Cherri Romano

**Blessing of the Hounds**

On Thanksgiving morning, November 28th, at 9:30am, we will once again gather in the field behind the church to celebrate the Blessing of the Hounds. The Ardrossan Beagles will join us for the return of this beloved service.

Following the Thanksgiving service, Pastor Doug will again enjoy blessing pet dogs brought by their owners. Baked goods and warm drinks will be offered to all the guests. Be sure to let family members and friends know!



**BEAR FAIR**

We will be collecting the Bears and assorted other animals through the month of November. These cuddly critters must be new please.

Pastor Doug will dedicate them the last Sunday of November before they head off to their forever homes in the arms of people who will cuddle and snuggle them as their form of comfort.

Thank you!

Answers to the Jolly Quiz:

- 1-On the attacking British Warship
- 2-Only PA
- 3-50 years
- 4-"incorrectly"
- 5-Damascus
- 6-South Sudan
- 7-...'take it'
- 8-designer/sculpturer of Mt Rushmore
- 9-Andrew Jackson
- 10-never until the modern Olympics
- 11-concentrated sunlight



**December Highlights**

- 1st- Hanging of the Greens 7:00 pm
- 13th- Caroling 7:00 pm
- 24th- Christmas Eve Services
- 5:30 pm Family Service
- 9:00 pm Candlelight Service

# 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

Bette Miller

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

