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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10-11 AM

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582 Church Street
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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ST. PETER'S U.C.C.
582 CHURCH STREET
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General Updates and News

Block Party

St. Peter's U.C.C. Cordially Invites You and Your Family, Neighbors, Community Groups and Ministry Groups that use St. Peter's Church to our 6th Annual Appreciation Day/Block Party Saturday, August 18, 2019, Time 4 - 7 p.m.

Food - Snow Cones - Children's Games & Activities
Classic Cars - Tours of the Building - Live Music
Featuring Dan Swift - Demonstrations - Laughter

All ages are welcome.
Stay for a little, stay for a lot.
This party is for you!



A Letter from Council

Hi Everyone,

Council approved Pastor Arlen's agreement for the following year.

The 2020 budget was discussed during our meeting this month.

The retreat on July 13 was very successful. There was an attendance of over a dozen of our council and church leaders. They learned more about PAEI and how it will help with decision making within St. Peter's and everyday life.

Blessings,

Shelley



Thank you

Our Vacation Bible School was a ROARING success! We couldn't have made it to Mars and Beyond without the help of many, many people!

First, decorating! Karen and Rob Bruce, Shelley Harmych, Wendy Kosakowski, Bev, Janet and Tom McGinnis, Diane Barnum, Teri Walter, Karel, Nicole and Brian Schieferstien, and of course, Pastor Arlen!

Giving up their time all week were our session leaders: Erin Ford, Becky Woods, Shelley Harmych, Karen Bruce, Wendy Kosakowski, and Caroline Wolfe.

The group leaders were: Judy McCurdy, Kelly Dupaski, Alexandra Velasquez, Nicole and Karel Schieferstein and Katie Yarnell. Karin Andy and Christine Burman helped check children in each morning. Pastor Arlen used his time and talents to be our Mission Commander!

Each day we had a new snack leader, and they were: Joan Whitman, Jean Swift, Sam Bonofiglio and Ruth Husar, Jan Orseno and Beverly McGinnis.

Many thanks to all that gave their time and talents!

You are much appreciated!

Quilt Raffle

We will be raffling off a quilt made and donated by Kaye Koler. We will raffle it at various functions, and on Sundays! \$1/ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Ticket will be drawn at the Block party on August 18! Need not be present to win! Proceeds will go to the Stained-Glass Window Fund!



A Note From Compassionate Care

When sending a card or note to someone in the hospital, always put the patient's home address on the envelope as the return address. This will ensure that the patient will get your card or note even if he/she has left the hospital.

Food Bank

In July, a total of **88** items were taken to Good Shepherd Baptist Church Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations.

A Note From Circle Six

Circle Six hopes everyone has been enjoying their summer. We are looking ahead to our first meeting on September 3. Meeting begins at 6 PM and it is a tureen dinner..and members are encouraged to bring a friend., members that haven't been in awhile, please come and see what new things we are up to! We are presently in the process of setting up our programs for 2019-20 and it looks to be a fun year!!! All are encouraged to attend! See you on September 3!

Sunday School News

Sunday school will begin this year on September 8. Children will begin in the sanctuary and then will go to class in the Sunday School rooms at approximately 10:15. Sunday school will last until approximately 11:15 when the children will come down to Fellowship Hall for their snack. Parents/Grandparents are encouraged to enjoy some fellowship time while they wait for their children to arrive! To keep things as safe as possible for your children, we ask that you wait for them to come to the fellowship hall.

Church Council July Meeting Summary:

Donations for the month of June totaled \$18,785.36. Total donations received from January 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019 totaled \$88,510.81.

The General Fund ended the month of May in the **negative**. The General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2019 was **(\$31,343.12)**.

The council voted to renew the contract with Pastor Arlen Vernava.

There was a church retreat for church leaders and committees on Saturday, July 13th from 8am to 3:30pm.

There will be no executive council or church council meeting in August.

Preschool August Update

Where did the summer go?

Starting in August the teachers will be getting ready for a new school year. Parent Night is August 19 from 5-7 in the church sanctuary. Children's Open House is Tuesday, August 27 from 4-8. School starts Tuesday, September 3.

We are looking forward to a great school year!

We're Going Back To School





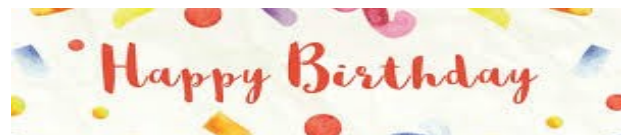
PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following in your prayers:

May Poor, Chris, Terry and Joyce Darakis, George Small, Jerry Buchs, Mike Harmych, Tom Hollstein, Norm Kurth, Sally Readinger, Peggy Raesler, Jim Brown, Julia Damon and all those with conflicts or concerns left unspoken.

If you know of any member who wishes to be placed on the prayer list or to be removed from the list, please contact the church office at (440) 988-4965.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1	Lynn Cambarare	8/11	James Pratt	8/21	Jane Gleason
8/2	Sharon Greenless	8/12	Glenn Miskov	8/23	Jim Brown
8/2	Marjorie Kildow	8/13	Terrence Kosakowski	8/24	Julie Swift
8/2	Beverly Mischka	8/14	Gregory Mead	8/25	Walter Beale
8/2	Christine Siegmund	8/14	Rebecca Stewart	8/25	Mackenzie Kossow
8/4	Lisa Clotz	8/14	James Wiley	8/25	Madeline Nagy
8/5	Pamela Miskov	8/15	Richard Stark	8/26	Donald Swift
8/5	Rebecca Woods	8/17	Brandon Sylkatis	8/27	Patti Lowman
8/7	Michael Bonnett	8/18	Elizabeth Ross	8/28	Kristal Elliott
8/7	Ryan Jeskie	8/18	Dana Swift		

If we missed your birthday, please let us know. Call Katie at 440-988-4965.

RECIPES from the kitchens of St. Peter's members:

Lemon Crisp Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 package lemon cake mix (regular size)
- 1 cup crisp rice cereal
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients (dough will be crumbly). Shape into 1-in. balls. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets.
2. Bake 10-12 minutes or until set. Cool 1 minute; remove from pan to a wire rack to cool completely.

St. Peter's leaders also observe that they (and St. Peter's overall) are just beginning to exercise this "E" muscle. E energy needs conversation from all points of view, from all concerned. E muscles always give attention to the farther-out future. E muscles are slow-twitch muscles, so everyone and every idea is heard and honored, and every participant understands. E-muscles are noticeably weak when this happens: Council or another group of leaders have a conversation, make a decision (vote), and walk away expecting implementation. Soon afterwards objections are voiced: "I was not there and want my say" or "I voted yes just to go along" or "I have done some research and this changes everything." The result? Implementation is held up; the decision is revisited and/or ignored and/or overturned; the outcome remains a negative distraction.

I = Integrate - what do I / we need to "be and do" to create and maintain a culture of relational interdependence based on mutual trust, respect and values, making myself / team / organization efficient in the long-term? **Think of being with one another: Council, Choir(s), Altar Guild, Circle Six, Ushers and Greeters, Worship Readers, Christian Education, Trustees, Outreach, etc...** I = equally investing in one's relationship with God, one another, and the stranger to advance St. Peter's ministry and mission.

St. Peter's leaders agree that they (and St. Peter's overall) have a strong "I" muscle. It is evidenced through sharing joys and cares during worship. It's evident by sending get-well and thinking-of-you cards, phone calls and visits to those in need. It's evident because many, not a few, say "yes," donating money or time or talent. It's evident because over 50 members and friends participated in the recent cottage conversations (fantastic turn-out!) and 70 of you are regularly at worship.

The I muscle expresses the great commandment: "love God with all your heart, mind, body and spirit; love your neighbor as yourself. St. Peter's, your I is strong, but not "very" strong, because I needs strong E energy. And E energy answers "God, what are you calling St. Peter's to be and to do? God, who are St. Peter's neighbors?" Prayerful questions that you are well on the way to answering.

Here is what we are all practicing:

efficient and effective decisions begin with community clarity: ask "why?"

deep listening and thoughtful conversation takes time

efficient and effective decisions take as much time as they need

consensus replaces Robert's Rules as the best method for engaging all four P A E I muscles

P A E I clarifies:

Why: opportunity and challenge (E muscle)

Who: people and groups, inside and outside (I muscle)

What to do: produce or perform (P muscle)

When to do it: Opportunity and challenge (E muscle)

How to do it: Processes, procedures, details (A muscle)

Dear friends, you are doing prayerful, faithful, difficult emotional and spiritual work. Your all-congregation effort will create a congregational profile this fall. P A E I serves as a working tool to help me and leaders and all of you advance St. Peter's ministry and mission in Jesus' name. Feel affirmed. Well done!

Peace,