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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10-11 AM**

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**THE KEY**



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Dear St. Peter's Members and Friends,

Dear St Peter's members and friends,

*The New York Times* published a story about Rutgers Presbyterian Church in New York City, "a relatively small church... of 100 members... on the Upper West Side of Manhattan." Rick Rojas writes:

"Observant Presbyterians are always part of gatherings at Rutgers Presbyterian Church. But much of the time, so are Roman Catholics and Jews, as well as a smattering of people who consider themselves vaguely spiritual. Valerie Oltarsh-McCarthy, who sat among the congregation listening to a Sunday sermon on the perils of genetically modified vegetables, is in fact, an atheist. ... She was drawn to the church, she said, by 'something in the spirit of Rutgers and something in the spirit of the outside world.'

Typically, the connective tissue of any congregation is an embrace of a shared faith. Yet Rutgers... has rejected that.... Instead, the community there has been cobbled together by a different code of convictions, pulled in by social justice efforts, activism against climate change, meal programs for the homeless and a task force to help refugee families... and people who take care of [one another].

A large "Black Lives Matter" banner hangs from the front of the church and nearby are colorful Tibetan prayer flags. Inside, there are buttons for worshiper to wear to declare their gender identity: he/him, she/her, they/them.... 'It's down-to-earth, so to speak,' said Harry A. Thompson Jr., a singer during Sunday services who is 89 but claims to have the voice of a 40-year-old. 'In other words, they're doing what they say. I'm a Christian, but I'm larger than that.'"

St. Peter's, Rutgers' has accomplished in their way the holy task engaging you. They have discerned their holy vocation, what Rick Rojas describes as "a code of convictions" and what Valerie Oltarsh-McCarthy said she was drawn to: "'something in the spirit of Rutgers and something in the spirit of the outside world.'" Many of you have heard me say that St. Peter's holy vocation lives at the intersection of St. Peter's deep gladness and the world's profound need. Rutgers, a worshipping congregation the size of St. Peter's, lives and serves at that intersection. Rutgers does not promote social justice, nor are they sensitive to gender identity because this will attract new members. They do both because this ministry and their actions are deeply true for them and powerfully responsive to their world.

So friends: feel encouraged. The generational cohort of leaders and the number of worship attendees are not marks of spiritual and organizational vitality. Clarity and conviction (prompted by Jesus' teaching and holy Spirit), then practicing core values (with God's help), matters only and always. Claiming and doing St. Peter's holy vocation marks spiritual and organizational vitality.

Because the road to your holy vocation, then searching and calling your next settled minister, goes through the holy work you are now doing, keep challenging your assumptions and bias. Ask, are St. Peter's wishes and desires absent the conviction to change anything - or everything! - about the when and how of St. Peter's ministry and mission? Ask, is "how" St. Peter's does ministry and mission more important than "why," "for who" and "what"? Ask, am I waiting for that special someone: The One-Who-Will-Come (new minister or new families), to make everything right? If St. Peter's answer is "yes" to some or all of these questions, consider again Jesus' prayer: "not my will, God, but your will be done." For now is the time and this is the place to know "God, what are you calling St. Peter's to be and to do? God, who are St. Peter's neighbors - who and why do we serve?"

You've a holy task engaging you, St. Peter's members and friends. With God's help and your good courage and glad effort, look! your holy vocation comes into view...  
With you in ministry...

Peace,

Intentional Interim Minister

### October Sermon Scriptures.

All Sunday readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary. A free smart-phone application brings RCL (revised common lectionary) readings for every day of the year to you. Also online. [dailyLectio.net](http://dailyLectio.net)

**October 6.** World Communion Sunday. Neighbors In Need Offering.  
From the perspective of the least, lost and lonely: Lamentations 1:1-6 and Psalm 137. From the perspective of one with faith: Luke 17:5-10.

**October 13.** Guest Minister.  
Luke 17:11-19: the story of a healing and a surprising conversation.  
2 Timothy 2:8-15: Paul speaks the gospel good news.  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7: about making a home.  
Psalm 66:1-6: a song of praise and affirmation.

**October 20.**  
Jeremiah 31:22-36: about relationships.  
Psalm 119:97-104: expressing thanks and self-reflection.

**October 27.**  
Joel 2:19-32: a story of restoration, then ultimate things.  
Psalm 65: about bounty and harvest.

Did you know: Tuesday's there are two opportunities to study the sermon scripture together - in the morning at 10am, the Fireside Room and in the evening at 7pm at Penny Knepper's house (440-988-8025). Don't see a time that works for you? Start a group, then call the Office with the day and time, and arrange to talk with Pastor Arlen on the study process.

## General Updates and News

### Circle Six Update

Circle Six had a great and educational time at our first meeting of the season. It was the annual "treen dinner" and lots of yummy foods were there for partaking! After our business meeting, we traveled over to the Quigley Museum for a fabulous tour through Amherst History led by our own Shelley Harmych. Lots of stories were shared by those involved during our trip down "Memory Lane" Don't forget this month's meeting on October 1 will be at 7 pm in the Fellowship all. Bring your scissors as this is our annual blanket making meeting. See you there!

Looking ahead...Mark your calendars to come help make pumpkin rolls. Dates to prepare the rolls are November 2 and 9. Circle Six will be taking orders in October for pumpkin rolls. You know they are always yummy! Don't be left out!

### Sunday School News

October's noisy collection will be for our annual "Thanksgiving Dinner" drive. Besides the noisy collection, during the month of November, we will be collecting non perishables to add to these Thanksgiving Dinners. A list will follow.

Starting Sunday, November 3, donations brought in will be placed in front of the altar. On Sunday, November 24, all the foods will be blessed, and be ready to pack up. Anyone willing to help pack boxes on Monday, November 25 we will be boxing everything up from approximately 10-11 am, and then transporting over to the high school. All help is welcome..."Many hands make light work"

Possible Thanksgiving Dinner Donations:

Instant mashed potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, Canned Green Beans, French Fried Onion Rings, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Canned yams or sweet potatoes, Canned gravy, any canned vegetable or fruit, other items you think appropriate.

### Help Wanted

The church office needs help with the final editing on our weekly Sunday bulletin by checking spelling and grammar. This will be done Friday before 12PM. We also need help publishing the monthly KEY which would be a team effort of folding, sorting and counting once a month. If interested in helping or to answer questions, please contact Katie in the church office.

### Update From Jessie Kubuske

Better late than never, right? Totals are finally in for the block party and quilt donations for the stained glass windows!

The quilt made \$452! Thanks so much to Kaye Koler for making the quilt, and patiently selling tickets at Walking on Wednesdays, Sundays, and the Block party! What a gift! (Also to Teri Walter for helping her sell tickets!)

The block party also added \$192 to the Stained Glass Window Fund...thanks to donations and raffles! Thanks to all that helped to make that possible!

### Trunk or Treat

The date for Trunk or Treat is changing! Trunk or treat will be on Sunday, October 20 from 5-7 PM. Start planning your car decorations now! Sign up sheets will be in the rear of the church and in the church office in the near future.

If you can't have a trunk that day, there is a basket outside the church office if you would like to donate candy! Looking forward to a fun time!

### Food Bank

The items for the Food Bank were not picked up before the KEY printed this month. Pam Miskov will be here within the week to give me a total and that will be in the November KEY.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the Food Bank and to Pam who goes out of her way to pick up and deliver these items each month. Your kindness is much appreciated.

### September Council Meeting Minutes

The General Fund ended the month of August in the **negative**. The General Fund Balance as of August 30, 2019 was **(\$56,779.40)**.

Swen Neilsen met with council to work on the budget for 2020.

There will be a church retreat for church leaders and committees on Saturday, October 26th from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Council would like to thank Joan Whitman for her service on council.

### Preschool October Update

It is hard to believe that we have successfully finished the month of September. The children and staff are nicely adjusting. Everyone enjoyed the field trip to Mille's Apple Hill. The apples were very tasty!! It was nice to visit with all the parents and grandparents that attended.

This month we will learn about the shapes triangle, oval, the colors black, brown and orange. We will also introduce the letters Pp, Oo, Bb and Hh. We are inviting all the Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles to talk about their occupations.

The Preschool will also be going to the Amherst Fire Station. We will be learning about fire safety and looking at the cool fire trucks.

We are also looking forward to our ..... **BOOOOOOOO!!!!**

Did I scare you?????

Halloween Party at the end of the month. We will try hard not to rade around the preschool!!

Thank you,

Wendy Kosakowski - Preschool Director



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### Preschool Muffin Counter

Sunday September 29 the Preschool Board will be selling Muffins and Mama Jo's Pies Gift Cards after worship. Each gift card will be \$10.00. Hurry and get yours before they are all gone!





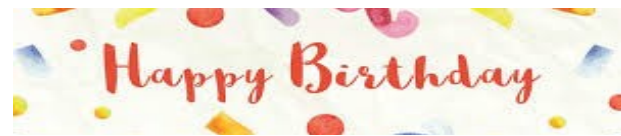
# PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Gatz family, Tom Hollstein, May Poor, Dave Roesch, George Small, Trish McCurdy, Jim Brown, Hubach family, Joyce & Terry Darakis, Roger Becker, Norm Kurth, Bob & Sherry Spratt, Ruth Kossow, Margaret Wiegand 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.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Tiffany Cambarare	10/10	Norma Marsh	10/22	Taylor Nowakowski
10/2	Rebecca Hubach	10/12	James Kimmel	10/22	Joshua Schieferstein
10/3	Sue Smith	10/12	Nicole Kissling	10/23	Virginia Vacsi
10/3	Jessica Widener	10/14	Diane Tarry	10/25	Cynthia Bring
10/5	Joan Schieferstein	10/16	Kay Clark	10/25	Rebecca Kosakowski
10/6	Jean Martin	10/16	Janet Siron	10/26	Steve Ondrick
10/7	Luena Beale	10/19	Patricia Knepper	10/28	Ed Link
10/8	Kristen Cooksey	10/19	Ronald Standen	10/28	William Schuster
10/8	Pamela Nielsen	10/21	Dennis Smith	10/29	Edna Berry

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

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

### Vanilla Apple Gratin

#### Ingredients

- 5 Gala apples (about 2 1/2 pounds)
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 vanilla bean or 1 tablespoon vanilla bean paste or vanilla extract
- Salt
- 1/4 cup whipping cream
- 3 egg yolks

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 cup sparkling wine, such as Prosecco



#### Directions

1. Peel and core the apples. Cut each into 12 wedges. Set aside.
2. Melt butter in a 12-inch broiler-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Using the tip of a knife, split the vanilla bean lengthwise and scrape the seeds into the skillet. Toss the bean in, too. (If using vanilla paste or extract, add at this time.) Add apples; sprinkle with a generous pinch of salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, 10 to 15 minutes or until apples are deeply golden and tender. Remove vanilla bean.
3. Meanwhile, preheat broiler. In a medium bowl, whip cream to soft peaks. Keep chilled.
4. Heat 1 inch of water in bottom of a double boiler; bring just to a simmer. In top of double boiler, whisk together egg yolks, sugar and a pinch of salt; add wine and whisk continuously until mixture is thickened and has doubled in volume (do not boil), 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat; whisk 1 minute to set and cool. Fold in whipped cream until just combined. (The cream may deflate a bit.)
5. Spoon cream mixture over apples in the skillet (or arrange apples in 6 individual broiler-safe gratin dishes). Broil 4 to 5 inches from the heat for 1 to 2 minutes or until topping begins to turn golden (watch carefully!). Serve immediately.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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