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**MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

After a one-week postponement, due to a dangerous sounding weather forecast, we met on Sunday, January 27. A quorum was had. The word "appreciation" would best describe the mood of the meeting. Thank you's were expressed all around, for work done and for congregational support. That doesn't mean that we didn't have any problems to discuss. We are still running a deficit and not everything we did was as successful as we might like, but there was an understanding of the commitment and great effort behind our ministry. One topic that received a lot of discussion revolved around the intention of the congregation to change the Council terms from 3 years to 2 years and to change the number of consecutive terms that a person can serve from 2 to 3. The thought is that the initial commitment, because it is short, will attract more members to try serving on Council and still allow them to serve for the same 6 year length of time, if desired, so that they feel they are making a valuable contribution to the organization and the ministry of St. Peter's.

We also discussed changing the starting date for each Council member to January 1. To make these changes, we need to change the Church Constitution. The vote to make these changes was approved.

We will meet again as a congregation on Sunday, February 17, for a Special Congregational Meeting to approve on second reading the constitutional changes.

- Pastor Wesemann

**KIDS KORNER**

We would like to convey our sincere appreciation to Kristen Wright for having been the Christian Education committee chair for a number of years. Her dedication to educating the children attending St. Peter's, even though her own children are now grown, has been admirable.



With that, we also thank Phil Grant for agreeing to become the new committee chair. We look forward to him sharing his ideas, plans and gifts for the education of our children.

The Youth Group met on Sunday, January 27, to discuss how to be prepared in resisting negative peer pressure and how to be positive role models. We will meet next on Sunday, February 24, to enjoy a Reading Royals hockey game. In March, we will meet twice; first on Sunday, March 10, for a "Holman House Hangout" where we will focus on self-image and then again on Sunday, March 17, for a game night with St. Matthew's & St. Paul's youth groups hosted by St. Matthew's.

We are also discussing several different service projects and those will be announced at a later date as the plans develop.

President John F. Kennedy once appealed to the people of the United States by saying, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." At the time I liked what he said, but didn't like what he said. The country needed our support, but I also believed that the country was there to serve its people. Today I might rework President Kennedy's words and relate them to St. Peter's by saying "Ask not what St. Peter's can do for you; ask what you can do for St. Peter's." But again, I am conflicted. St. Peter's, as a church and as a community of faith, has a responsibility to its membership and the community to share the love of Christ with them, helping wherever possible. But, what so many of the church membership have lost sight of is that each member has a responsibility to support and do what they can, using the talents given them by God, to make St. Peter's church strong and members safe, happy and well.

President Kennedy hit on the importance of citizen responsibility and that is good. I would like to affirm the responsibility of each member, but I don't want to lose the caring aspect of the church. We are here for Jesus and each other. In the winter when so many can become housebound, I encourage you to check on each other, offer a helping hand, step up your commitment to the church and simply share the love of Jesus with each other and others.

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St. Peter's can do  
for you; ask what  
you can do for  
St. Peter's."***

**PASTORAL ACTS**

**Weddings Scheduled:**

Elise Murray & Andrew Dykhuis	4-27-19
Patricia Ortegae & T.J. McCormick	5-19-19

**To Be Received into Membership:**

The Philip Grant family (scheduled)	5-05-19
Michael & Lisa Dausch (to be scheduled)	



*Please pray not only for your loved ones but also for the entire congregation, its leaders and those listed below as they cope with life's challenges.*

Loving and caring God,

We know that you are with us in the times when we are struggling, sick on either an emotional or physical level and in our hour of need when we no longer believe in ourselves. Help us to recognize the depth of your love during those times so we do not feel alone. Open our hearts to feel the enormity of your presence, to feel your deep and unconditional love and to recognize your guidance. We ask that you might ease our burdens as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Dorothy Abrahamsen                                  | Winnie Neiman                      |
| Esther Altman                                       | Linda Patton                       |
| Julie Barker  | Sally Peirson                      |
| Midge Bates   | Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager          |
| Marilyn Burk  | James Rendi                        |
| Peggy & Mike Burnley                                | Frank & Diann Riepen               |
| Lori Burnley  | Schwartz family                    |
| Jim & Stephanie Bylash                              | (Ethan, Martrese, Eric & Julianna) |
| Elizabeth Casperite                                 | Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers           |
| Michael Cesario                                     | Floyd Segner                       |
| Jill Clark  | Gary Segner                        |
| Calvin Clifford                                     | Dorothy Schmidt                    |
| Harry Cornog  | Amanda Smith                       |
| Gary Derr   | Cheryl Smola (Larry's sister)      |
| Kenneth Dobson                                      | Alexander Steel                    |
| Family of Joseph Estock<br>(Linda Patton's brother) | Mary Lou Tate                      |
| Daniel Frey   | Paul Theisen                       |
| Shirley Harp  | Dee Vaughn                         |
| Richard & Marjorie Kropp                            | Bernd Warner                       |
| Peter & Jean Marchianco                             | Fred Wesemann                      |
| Atea McArel   | Rita Wesler                        |
| Mulcahy Family                                      | Jo Ann Willenbrock                 |
| Anthony Napolitano                                  | Irene Williams                     |

Please keep the church informed about the continued need for prayer of those listed on the prayer list. You can submit names for the prayer list to the office.

To initiate the prayer chain for immediate prayer needs, contact:

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| <b>Pastor Wesemann</b><br>(610) 933-9611 | <b>Marilyn Burk</b><br>(484) 341-8463 or<br>(610) 517-1147 | <b>Debbie Francis</b><br>(610) 495-6585 |
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## MERCY SHIPS

Mercy Ships is a volunteer organization that provides medical services in parts of the world where clean water, electricity, medical facilities and skilled personnel are limited or nonexistent. Most of us know about the volunteer medical and dental personnel who provide these critical services, but have you ever thought about the volunteers who are behind the scenes and provide support for the medical personnel?

St. Peter's Outreach Committee is initiating a fund-raising effort to support one of the volunteers from this area who will be leaving for at least 6 months on one of the ships beginning in June 2019.

Kathleen Dempsey is a hairdresser who will be volunteering to help the crew and medical volunteers on the ship. On February 24, Kathleen will be at St. Peter's to give us more information about the trip. Mark your calendar for that date. More information will be provided in our bulletin and on our website.

- Al Burk

## MEAL'S FOR ST. MARY'S

In our continued effort to support those in our community who are in need, we have agreed to prepare and deliver homemade meals for St. Mary's Shelter. In 2019, we are scheduled for the week of February 18-22 and also September 9-13.

Sign-up sheets will be made available for those who would like to help support this mission. If you have any questions, please speak to Gabriele Streit.





## **SPAGHETTI DINNER/BINGO**

A spaghetti dinner and bingo night will be held on Saturday, February 9, at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children over 3 and free for children under 3. A sign-up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall.



## **PROPERTY WORK PARTY**

The Property Committee is planning a painting work party on Saturday, February 16, starting at 9 am. All are welcome.

The Youth Group plans to be involved in help painting the basement of Holman House.

## **PHOTO, PHOTO ON THE WALL**

You may have noticed that we do not have everyone's picture up on the wall. I would like to encourage all of our members to submit pictures, so that all of our beautiful faces will be there to greet our visitors. You can email a picture to Pastor or send it to the church office.



On the matter of the picture wall, I want to thank Orville March and Richard Kropp for allowing us to have a little fun at their expense. Their names are attached to a picture of two of the Muppets.

- Pastor Wesemann

## **GOOD SAMARITAN SERVICES**

On behalf of Good Samaritan Services (GSS), I would like to thank you for your recent donation of sanitizing cleaners and bathroom tissue, which we received on 12/19/18.

Because of contributors like your congregation, we will be able to help hundreds of individuals and families to overcome or steer clear of the crisis of homelessness in Lancaster and Chester counties. Every day we are providing shelter and housing services to nearly 200 men, women and children. We own nine properties which provide emergency shelter and transitional housing to the most vulnerable members of our communities. Our Bridge of Hope program serves nearly 50 single mothers and their children every day. Your gifts change lives!

When you give to GSS, you can be sure that your donation will be well used. Since 2012, GSS has been endorsed with the Seal of Excellence from the PA Association of Nonprofit Organizations. This PANO certification is bestowed on only the state's most well-managed and responsibly-governed non-profit organizations. The standards include honesty, integrity, fairness, respect, trust, responsibility and accountability.

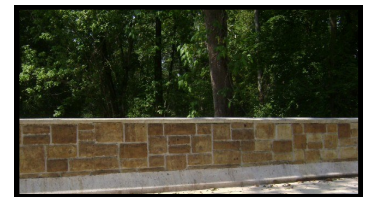
Again, we thank you for your support and care for those we serve. Because of your generosity, many people will have the opportunity to move from crisis to stability and from homelessness to housing. Your gifts allow us to show God's love and compassion to many people in need.

With a grateful heart,  
Nate Hoffer, CEO-Good Samaritan Services

## **BRIDGING THE GAP**

Our Youth Group recently gathered to have a discussion about peer pressure led by Larry Smola and Michele Maholland. Their talks centered on being exposed to drug usage, drinking and sex at their young ages. The youth were provided examples of people in the Bible who stood up for what they believed in rather than conform their core beliefs in order to fit in.

As adults, it wouldn't hurt for us to be reminded of this lesson as well. Our pressures could be more along the lines of "keeping up with the Jones'" by wanting to attain fancy cars, name-brand clothing and other materialistic things. Knowingly, or unknowingly, we acquire these things so we can keep up a certain appearance rather than enjoy a more simplistic and humble lifestyle. The next time we think to purchase more "things", which ultimately clutter our lives, perhaps we could set that money aside and put it to better use by either giving it to the church to offset expenses or to a charity either within our community or in the world at large.



- Cheryl Smola

## ***THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS***

In December, we received from Thrivent \$53 for a total of \$2,976 this year. We thank each contributor as well as Thrivent for this generosity. Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars periodically. Your designations to St. Peter's through Thrivent are very much appreciated.

On the Thrivent website, St. Peter's is listed as "St. Peter". If you have a hard time finding it, Al Burk or John Young are willing to help.

Thanks again for your support.

- Pastor Wesemann

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## ***IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...***

I don't know how many of you have noticed, but our choir is growing. On an off day, the choir has just 12 members. The roster of the choir, however, may soon grow to 16 or 17. The acolyte and lector have already been chased over to my side of the chancel area. On festival Sundays, we will need to seat some of our assistants behind the organ. I tell you all of this not as a complaint, but rather as a reason for celebration.

Today I would like to thank the Lord and thank Gabriel for putting together the quality music program that is attracting so many beautiful voices. Thank you also to the men and women who are filling our choir section and gracing us with their voices.

- Pastor Wesemann



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## ***NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER-DORIS STERNER***



... **"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." Luke 6:21**

How often do we connect humor to the church? The church, in the eyes of many, takes on an air of deep solemnity. There is, however, much to be said for recapturing the spirit of joy, humor, unity and healing. There has been consistent evidence that shows that laughter, over time, offers significant medical benefits. It increases blood circulation and it reduces the stress hormone known as cortisol, so when you are laughing you are actually healing yourself. Laughter can boost the immune system, lower blood pressure and even regulate blood sugar. It also gives you some perspective when you are in the midst of difficult times. Fr. James Martin believes that Jesus' response to Nathanael making fun of Jesus' home town ("Can anything good come out of Nazareth?") shows He had a sense of humor. A joke can be a catalyst for healing and a source of divine joy. When was the last time you really laughed? What gives you joy?



*(Taken from Church Health Reader)*

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28	29	30	31	1	2  <b>Groundhog Day</b>
<b>3 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:15 am M&W Committee 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship—Communion 11:30 am Outreach Committee	4	5	6 7:30 pm Confirmation Class	7	8	9 6:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo
<b>10 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Christian Education Evangelism Committee Finance Committee Property Committee	11	12 6:00 pm Executive Committee  7:30 pm Evening Bible Study  <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b>	13 12:00 pm Bible Study/ Bagged Lunch  7:30 pm Confirmation Class	14  <b>Valentines Day</b>	15	16 9:00 am Property Painting Work Party in HH
<b>17 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship—Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 11:30 am <b>Annual Meeting</b>	18 <b>President's Day</b>	19	20 7:30 pm Confirmation Class	21	22 <b>Washington's Birthday</b>	23
<b>Meals for St. Mary's Shelter</b>						
<b>24 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship Committee Mercy Ships Visit Reading Royals Hockey Game	25	26 6:30 pm Council Meeting	27 7:30 pm Confirmation Class	28	1	2

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Hunter Beidler	Christine Linderman
Sara Beidler	Carol Maholland
Hannah Buckwalter	Carrie Sposetti
Rebecca Cannizzaro	James Twaddell
Jay Eckerdt	Julie Weicheld
Andrew Frey	Kensley Wise
Sarah Groff	Jill Witt
Katherine Hartman	Steven Wright
Debbie Jones	



### Anniversary

Robert & Lynn Hartman 29

## COMING UP IN MARCH

3	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
6	12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (UCC)
	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (here)
7	6:15 pm	Music & Worship Committee
10	11:30 am	Evangelism Committee HH Youth Hangout
12	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
14	6:00 pm	Lenten Vespers/Soup Supper
17	11:15 am	Blood Pressure Screening
	11:30 am	Property Committee Youth Game Night
19	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
21	6:00 pm	Lenten Vespers/Soup Supper
24	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee
26	7:30 pm	Evening Bible Study
27	12:00 pm	Bible Study/Bagged Lunch
28	6:00 pm	Lenten Vespers/Soup Supper

<b>Adult Choir:</b>	7:15 pm	Thursday & 9:15 am	Sundays
<b>Youth Choir:</b>	11:30 am	Sundays	
<b>Hand Bell Choir:</b>	12:00 pm	Sundays	
<b>Confirmation Classes:</b>	7:30 pm	Wednesdays	

Feb 2019	Assistant Schedule			
	3	10	17	24
Greeters	Kristen Wright	Peggy Burnley	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Cam Cloeter
Ushers	John & Kira Young	Steven Hartman Bob Patton	Doug Beck Cam Cloeter	Karen Cannizzaro Ginny Grant
Lector	Elaine Stromberg	Carmella Venezia	Robert Phillips	Ted Weicheld
Cantor	Debbie Phillips	Robert Phillips	Cheryl Smola	Doris Sterner
Communion Assistants	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	--	Luanne Skurka Mike Derr	--
Acolytes	Kayla Reidy	Gary Segner	Emily Stromberg	Cole Young
Altar Flowers	Un-sponsored	Pastor & Cathy Wesemann	Joe & Karen Cannizzaro	Bruce & Kathy Hartman
Bulletins	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Bruce & Kathy Hartman
Fellowship	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
Altar Team	Kim Wood		Marilyn Burk	
Counters	Christine Reidy			
Bread/Wine	Bread: Luanne Skurka & Mike Derr     Wine: Pastor & Cathy Wesemann			
Paper Goods	Cam & Nancy Cloeter			

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

*THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES  
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018:*

Total Income:                 \$165,673  
 Total Expenses:                \$182,221  
 Total Surplus (Deficit):     **(\$16,548)**

**“Every time you judge  
 someone you reveal a part of  
 yourself that needs healing.”**

- Source Unknown

*ST. PETER'S MISSION is to fulfill our calling as the Body of Christ. We will be a worship center in the community. We will learn and teach the meaning of God's Word. We will share our Christian Faith with others. And we will support individuals in their time of personal need. As we accomplish these things, we will be faithful Stewards of God's Gifts.*

*OUR VISION is to be a center of activity and a welcoming congregation of worshipers growing in faith, while encouraging community outreach through various ministries.*

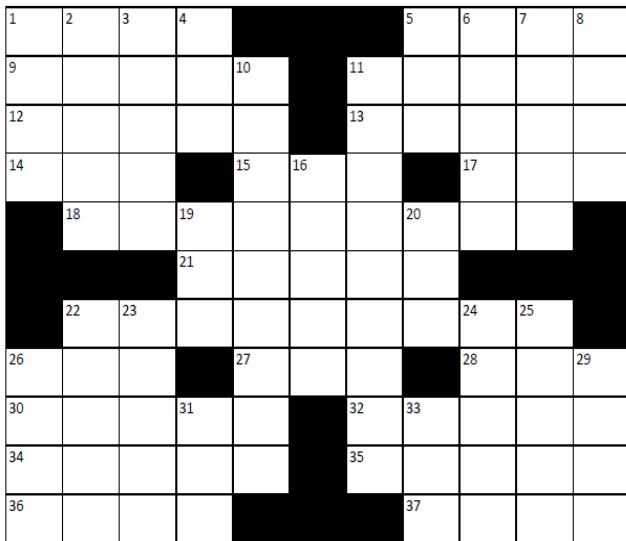
## CROSSWORD PUZZLE - BY BOB PATTON

### Across

1. Movie projector ventilation system (abbr.)
5. "If I \_\_\_\_\_ Hammer" (2 words)
9. Word after fire or burglar
11. Tower in Genesis 11
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Wafers (cookie brand)
13. Just rolling \_\_\_\_\_
14. Issuer of licenses (abbr.)
15. Ask over and over
17. By way of
18. Jesus' birth town
21. Philadelphia NFL player
22. Holy day 50 days after Easter
26. Physicist Planck
27. Prefix with cycle
28. Actor Danzen
30. Opposite of comedy
32. Torment
34. Peter's name, originally
35. Shouts
36. "I am" in Latin
37. Lose fluid

### Down

1. Musical group
2. Ascend
3. Engine part
4. Internet link
5. Robot in "2001 – A Space Odyssey"
6. Over
7. Blue jeans material
8. Pond scum
10. District in New York City
11. Breakfast restaurant chain
16. Mr. Hiss
19. Number of commandments
20. Airport code for Haelogo, Papua, New Guinea
22. Capital of France
23. Tests, in school or at the doctor's office
24. Not fresh
25. Inventor of Alternating Current
26. Store goods (abbr.)
29. Office furniture
31. One of the Three Stooges
33. Electric fish



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*Solution to this puzzle can be found in the next issue of The Herald.*

*Solution to The January puzzle at left.*

## WORD SEARCH

### Theme - "Our Daily Bread"

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| All of us | Feed    | Protect |
| Always    | Food    | Provide |
| Care      | Meal    | Share   |
| Daily     | Nourish | Support |

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