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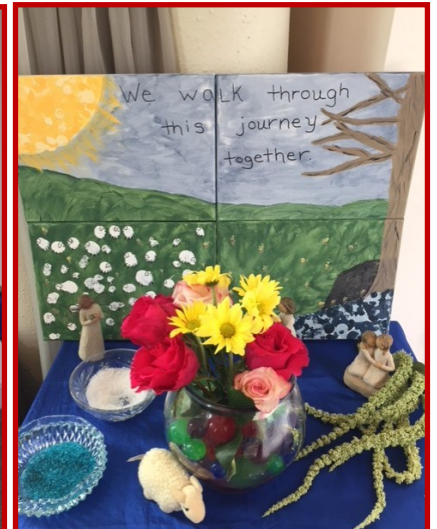
EASTER 2019

Children were excited to be greeted by the Bunny at St. Peter's annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. After the children finished their fabulous spread of great food, they were very "eggcited" to continue the fun outdoors as they searched high and low for the hidden eggs. This year, the older youth helped the younger ones with some arts and crafts projects as well.

Then during Holy Week, 52 individuals chose to participate in the Guarding at the Tomb event. This included nine youth which attended a sleepover and six people from outside of our congregation. The Easter holiday is such a busy time of year as families are preparing for the celebration of our risen Lord. The commitment shown by all participants for this vigil is admirable as they sacrificed time from their busy schedules.

Participants had the opportunity to walk through the stations set up throughout the sanctuary and/or sit prayerfully during their scheduled hour. The theme for the stations this year was, "It Is Well with My Soul". Regardless of where we are on our spiritual journey, we are reminded that we walk through this journey together.

- Cheryl Smola



With Holy Week behind us, we begin to prepare for the holiday that marks the beginning of the Christian Church, Pentecost. Traditionally Pentecost has been a time of celebration. The gift of the Holy Spirit, first given to the disciples but later to all of us, is a part of what we celebrate. We almost always read the story of the tongues as of fire that came down upon the disciples giving them the gift of speaking in many languages, but most importantly giving the disciples the courage to leave the security of their upper room and go out into the streets to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, forgiveness and salvation.



Often, we schedule the confirmation of our youth on Pentecost Sunday, calling upon the Holy Spirit to enter into them. This year I will be on vacation on Pentecost. I will miss the release of the confetti canons that remind us of the mighty wind and the tongues as of fire that came down upon the disciples.

Confirmation is scheduled this year for Sunday, June 2. We have a great class of young men and women who we hope will be confirmed on that day. Please pray for Anna Eckerdt, Rodger Grant, Caden Reidy, Eric Twaddell, Cole Young and Kira Young as they prepare for their confirmation examination, given by Church Council late in May. We want them to do well and feel good about themselves and the church as young adult members of the congregation.

On Sunday, May 5, Phil, Rodger and Nathanael Grant will be introduced into membership and Betty Ryberg Grant will be baptized into membership also. We look forward to celebrating this very special day for them and our congregation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PASTORAL ACTS

- Weddings:**
Elise Murray & Andrew Dykhuis 4-27-19
- Weddings Scheduled:**
Patricia Ortegae & T.J. McCormick 5-18-19
Amanda Bleacher & Kurt Goerlich 11-08-19
- Baptism Scheduled:**
Betty Ann Ryberg (Grant) 5-05-19
- To Be Received into Membership:**
The Philip Grant family 5-05-19
- Funerals:**
Marilyn Haug 4-05-19
James Rendi 4-13-19
Victoria Bender 4-16-19
Richard Kropp 4-25-19



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.

Dorothy Abrahamsen
 Esther Altmann
 Midge Bates
 Stephanie Bilash
 Marilyn Burk
 Peggy & Mike Burnley
 Lori Burnley
 Elizabeth Casperite
 Michael Cesario
 Jill Clark
 Calvin Clifford
 Harry Cornog
 Gary Derr
 Kenneth Dobson
 Sigi Eichinger
 Daniel Frey
 Shirley Harp
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 Marjorie Kropp
 Peter & Jean Marchianco
 Atea McArel
 Mulcahy Family
 Anthony Napolitano
 Winnie Neiman
 Linda Patton

Sally Peirson
 Debbie Phillips
 Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager
 Family of James Rendi
 Schwartz family
 (Ethan, Martrese, Eric & Julianna)
 Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers
 Floyd Segner
 Gary Segner
 Dorothy Schmidt
 Amanda Smith
 Cheryl Smola (Larry's sister)
 Alexander Steel
 Mary Lou Tate
 Paul Theisen
 Charlotte Twaddell
 Dee Vaughn
 Family of Alan Walter
 Bernd Warner
 Fred Wesemann
 Rita Wesler
 Jo Ann Willenbrock
 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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STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Caring for creation is an essential component of religious faith and witness. Faithful "earthkeeping" can deepen our relationship both with God and with one another, as we work for the healing of the world. Fostering a deeper sense of spirituality, through our connecting with God in creation, is about nurturing a deeper awareness of our surroundings ... breathing in the joys (as well as the sorrows) evident in the natural world and listening more carefully for "the hymn of all creation." Write a "Letter to the Creator". What would you say to God, in a letter, to express your appreciation for (or even your questions about) the natural world? What, specifically, would you thank God for? What would you express sorrow about? What would you tell God that you will do, to help heal creation?

- Doris Sterner

MEN WHO COOK/GRILL



SATURDAY

MAY 4, 2019

6 PM

**AT THE PAVILION
 WEATHER PERMITTING**

FISHING FOR GOLD



Congratulations to the recent winners in our Fishing for Gold fundraiser:

#	March	April
1	Ted Weicheld	Kristy Young
2	Joe & Karen Cannizzaro	Carm Venezia
3	Beverly Twaddell	Sadie Mae Smith

The next drawing will take place on Sunday, May 26. Please make sure you are paid up a week before the drawing so you will be eligible to win each month. Speak with Joanna Sheffer or Debbie Francis for more information or to make a payment.

PROUD PARENTS MOMENT

Aloha! On New Year's Eve, Rebecca embarked on a life changing journey to the island of Maui to fulfill her doctoral requirement as a practicing physical therapy student. She spent the next 5 weeks living as a quasi-resident. She practiced PT at 2 different locations & settings; in Kihei at an outpatient facility and at a hospital treating mostly Hawaiian natives in Kula located in what is called the upcountry area. Rebecca had the unique opportunity to learn diverse treatment philosophies & the differences in healthcare compared to the mainland. Her clinical instructors pushed her to new limits having her work with patients individually & challenging her in any way they saw fit. She treated patients from all walks of life and a variety of disabilities.

However, from a purely introspective, motivational & inspirational perspective, her indispensable experiences can be summed up in her own words:

"When I found out I was offered a slot in Hawaii, I was beyond ecstatic. I felt as if it were all a dream but when reality finally set in, so did the anxiety. I would be traveling half way around the world to an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, alone. Now, I'm a person who doesn't mind being alone but there was something about this experience that made me slightly hesitant. Before I knew it my bags were packed and I was boarding my plane, leaving no time for hesitation. It was time for the adventure to begin.

Once on the island of Maui, I learned to love traveling with me, myself and I. Being on an island alone, knowing no one, it forced me outside of my comfort zone. I took on new experiences I never could have imagined from meeting new people to jumping off cliffs. Living on Maui for a month gave me the opportunity to live the life as a local, giving me a deeper look into the culture of the island. This was an aspect I was not expecting. I had no idea I was in for a cultural submergence when traveling to Hawaii. From their distinctive language to their extraordinary way of life to medical access.

Reflecting on my month as a Hawaiian local, it is an experience I am forever grateful for. It allowed me to grow as a person and student. It truly was a life-altering experience and one of the most memorable opportunities thus far. Traveling alone to unknown territory scared me silly, but I conquered my feelings and now have memories to last a lifetime!"

Mahalo



St. Peter's Pikeland UCC Vacation Bible School

June 17-21

9:00-12:00



Calling all passengers ready to "Travel God's World"!

Join us as we embark on another exciting journey during our weeklong VBS here at St. Peter's. We will once again be traveling to a different place each day learning about God's world and God's people and what their lives are like in different places.

This year, we will travel to Austria, Puerto Rico, Mongolia, Chile and Morocco.

We will welcome the return of our mixed up traveler, Mr. Goofendoofers! Each morning we will help guide this mixed up traveler through his travels, while getting a giggle out of his confusion! After we make sure Mr. Goofendoofers gets on the correct flight, we will head to our classrooms to learn about our destination of the day. After our lesson, we move on to arts and crafts, physical activity, music and snack.

Cost is \$25 per child

www.StPetersPikeland.org

Please contact Jay Eckerdt and he will email you a copy of the registration form.



The Wesley Bell Ringers in Concert

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

7:30 pm

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
1239 Clover Mill Rd.
Chester Springs, PA 19425
(610) 933-9611

Free-will donation

Handicapped accessible

(The Wesley Bell Ringers are from Christ United Methodist Church, Salt Lake City, UT)

PICTURE WALL

A lot of you seem resistant to having your pictures displayed on the picture wall. I think I will begin snapping pictures. I would like all of you represented on our church picture wall.

- Pastor Wesemann

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

In April, we received \$147 from Thrivent Financial for a total of \$343 in 2019. We thank Doug Beck, Bruce Hartman, Marylee Newman and John Young, as well as Thrivent, for their generosity.

Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars periodically. All designations to our church through Thrivent are very much appreciated.

On Thrivent's website, St. Peter's Lutheran 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

IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...

We gathered one Sunday morning in April for church and Dave Schreier announced how beautiful of a job the landscapers did, thanking Debbie Francis for making all that work possible. Thank you again.



Most workers are not often thanked. I think of Jay Eckerdt and his friends, Mike Derr, Dave Sterner and others who helped set up the air hockey and ping pong tables in the Holman House basement for the youth. And I think of those who painted the sign for the Easter Bunny Breakfast, who dug the holes and set it up. I think of Bob Patton who placed our Easter Service signs around the local community. Last but not least, I think of all those who set up for our Holy Week services, the Easter Bunny Breakfast, the Guarding at the Tomb and who decorated the church for Easter.

We thank all of you for your wonderful efforts.

- Pastor Wesemann

NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER



"The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around it goes, blowing in circles." Ecclesiastes 1:6 NLT

Allergies are unusual, irritating, and potentially dangerous reactions of the immune system to a normally harmless substance. They will attack the respiratory tract, digestive tract, or entire body, but the type and severity of the reaction will depend on the individual's level of sensitivity to the offending substance.

There are three categories of allergic reactions. Mild reactions are localized and include a rash, watery or itchy eyes, and congestion. Moderate reactions can spread beyond the original site of irritation and cause severe itching and difficulty breathing. The worst reaction, anaphylaxis, affects the whole body and is rare but life-threatening. Within minutes, severe swelling will make breathing and swallowing difficult, and may include abdominal pain, vomiting, and mental confusion. Persons severely allergic to bees, shellfish, or peanuts should carry a dose of epinephrine to quickly reverse this reaction.

People allergic to substances in the environment will experience more problems at specific times of the year. Their symptoms will be worse during times of high winds when offending pollens are spread about. Late mornings or early afternoons have higher pollen counts which will cause more discomfort. The heavy air from high temperature and humidity will trigger an asthmatic's allergies. Different types of pollen (tree, grass, ragweed, flowers, etc.) are prevalent at different times of the year. For these reasons it is important to know what specific allergens trigger your symptoms.

Some people think allergens, the substances that cause irritation, are limited to poison ivy or animals when many things can cause a reaction. Common culprits include: honey, peanuts, wheat products, strawberries, perfume, scented candles, mold, latex rubber (balloons, gloves), grass, soaps, or even medications. To help others, know that the cologne you are wearing could bother asthmatics. Label your food dish if it contains allergens like peanuts or shellfish. Take non-latex balloons to the party. Little steps like these can go a long way to prevent someone's discomfort.

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29	30	1 7:30 pm Confirmation Class	2 6:15 pm Music & Worship Committee NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	3	4 9:00 am Thrivent Shred Event/Exton 6:00 pm Men Who Cook/ Grill
5 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship—Communion Betty Ann Ryberg Grant Baptism Grant Family Membership 11:30 am Outreach Committee MAY DAY BASKET DELIVERIES	6	7	8 7:30 pm Confirmation Class	9	10	11
12 4th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Christian Education Evangelism Committee MOTHER'S DAY	13	14 6:00 pm Executive Committee	15 7:30 pm Confirmation Class	16	17	18 Patricia Ortega/ T. J. McCormick Wedding ARMED FORCES DAY
19 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship—Communion 10:15 am Sunday School (last day) Property Committee	20	21 6:30 pm Council	22 7:30 pm Confirmation Class	23	24	25
26 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Committee	27 MEMORIAL DAY Office closed	28 7:30 pm Evening Bible Study	29 12:00 pm Bible Study/Bag Lunch 7:30 pm Confirmation	30 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	31	1

MAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Donald Burk
Kerry Burnley
Nancy Cloeter
Piper Daniel
Mary Ann Ford
Debbie Francis
Erin Johnson
Tallulah Jones
William La Coff

Sara Maholland
Orville March
Frank Riepen
Matthew Sharpless
Mason Sharpless
Jaxson Sharpless
Danella Sposetti
Alexander Steel

Dalton Steel
Eric Twaddell
Douglas Vaughen
Lisa Wesler
Kailyn Wood
Alexandra Wood
Kristen Wright
John Young

Anniversaries

Doug Beck & Carm Venezia	42	Jim & Linda Devereaux	37
George (Mike) & Peggy Burnley	64	Tom & Ginny Grant	57
Cam & Nancy Cloeter	12	Robert & DonnaLee Morrison	19
Kevin Shaw & Jacqui deNight	35	Ted & Sue Weicheld	30

COMING UP IN JUNE

2	10:00 am	Confirmation
	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
6	6:15 pm	Music & Worship Committee
9	11:30 am	Christian Ed. Committee
		Evangelism Committee
11	6:30 pm	Executive Committee
14		FLAG DAY
16		FATHER'S DAY
	11:30 am	Property Committee
17-21	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
18	6:30 pm	Council
19	7:30 pm	Wesley Bell Ringers
21		SUMMER BEGINS
23	10:00 am	Outdoor Service/Potluck
	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee
25	7:30 pm	Evening Bible Study
26	12:00 pm	Bible Study/Bag Lunch
28		Youth Campout

May 2019	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>			
	5	12	19	26
Greeters	Kristen Wright	Peggy Burnley	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Cam Cloeter
Ushers	Anna Eckerdt Kira Young	Doug Beck Carm Venezia	Cam Cloeter Steven Hartman	Karen Cannizzaro Kathy Hartman
Lector	Erin Johnson	Carol Maholland	Bob Patton	Debbie Phillips
Cantor	Hannah Weicheld	Kristy Young	Al Burk	Jay Eckerdt
Communion Assistants	Joanna Sheffer Christine Reidy	--	Dave Sterner John Young	--
Acolytes	Kayla Reidy	Bruce Hartman	Bob Patton	Christine Reidy
Altar Flowers	Sara Maholland	Cam & Nancy Cloeter	Peggy & Mike Burnley	Betsy Burns
Bulletins	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Debbie Francis	Cam & Nancy Cloeter
Fellowship	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
Altar Team	Kristy Young		Karen Cannizzaro	
Counters	Dave Schreier			
Bread/Wine	Bread: Young		Wine: Smola	
Paper Goods				

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

*THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES
JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019:*

Total Income: \$36,833
 Total Expenses: \$45,341
 Total Surplus (Deficit): (\$8,508)

**“Rise above principle
and do what’s right.”**

Joseph Heller

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. Encountered
4. Place to see wild animals
7. Abbr. for numbers
10. "Say ___" (doctor's order)
11. Holiday ___ (motel chain)
12. Financial transfer (abbr.)
13. Piece of leather
15. Blacksmith's working tool
17. Spanish for "the"
18. Fish eggs
19. Italian for Steven
23. Numbered highway (abbr.)
26. ___ and Behold
27. Gibson or Blanc
28. Southwest desert state
29. ___ and I
31. Wooden skids
34. Maiden name, in obits
36. Cable entertainment device
37. Apple based beverage
39. Best possible conditions
42. High card
43. "Lend me your ___"
45. Type of bread
46. French for ocean
47. Resort amenity
48. Up until now

Down

1. More, in Spanish
2. Consume
3. Number of this clue
4. ___ Code
5. Switch position
6. Having a winning streak
7. Not even once
8. Japanese sash
9. Missouri city on a score board
14. Furry TV alien
16. Negative response
19. Clever, like a fox
20. Also
21. Units for measuring electrical current
22. Teachers org. (abbr.)
24. Explosive
25. Thirteenth letter (plural)
30. Beneath
32. Ford luxury letters
33. Each and ___
35. Wide shoe width
37. Engine part that opens and closes a valve
38. Frozen water
39. Money source when you stop working (abbr.)
40. Sailor's positive response
41. Allow
44. News reporting org. (abbr.)

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

Solution to the April puzzle below.

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Enemies	7	Friends
Lying	5	Truth
Negative	8	Positive
Under	5	Above
Cry	3	Joy
Anger	5	Happy
Right	5	Wrong
Hurt	4	Heal

Life can be a double-edged sword.

**Take every opportunity to
transform a negative thought
into a positive one.**



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