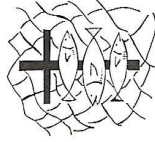


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Epiphany of our Lord

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January 2012

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a concern to be added to the list,
please call the church office.

Also, please let us know when prayers have been answered so that we may include that good news as well!

God's Protection and Safety: for all who drive buses, trains and planes. For all the service men & women especially:

Staff Sergeant. Ryan Walter, USAF, son of Jim and Dana Walter

God's Healing: Sharon Senigo Blanche Wimmer
Janet Owens Ilse Mondry
Glen Owens Buck Peitzman
Dan and Annette Crooke and family Bob Stankunas
Marie McNally (sister in law of Judith D. Rockelmann)
Joan Jerdan Marie Wert
Bill & Carol Gartner Vivian Marchak
Gerry Corrison (friend of Gugger's) Charlene Traub
Marian Michel Rita & John Bixler
Gloria Kellow (Bob Bergey's sister)
Danielle Hofmann (Tammy Miskowski's sister)
Ruth Rodgers Lugasy (Ruth Rodgers' daughter)
Taylor Ross (friend of the Davis Family)
Wilma Gehman Bennett
Jeanette Lukens mother of Linda Davenport

God's Comfort & Peace: for our homebound members: Marian Michel (Spring Meadow), *Helen Dengler, Dorothy Grolman, John Bixler, and Ruth Bumersbach* (at Neshaminy Manor), *and Miriam Breitinger* (Pine Run @ Lakeside), and *Glenn Kramer* (Paradise Manor).

God's Grace for the Family & Friends who mourn the death of: Peggy Barton, Allen M. Lukens, Sr. (Linda Davenport's Father), Fred Poust, (Heidi Strouse's brother) Helen Jordan*, Ann Myers, Helen Thierolf*, Richard Page (cousin to John Page), Nick Marlin (son-in-law of Linda & Charles Davenport), Kathryn Mattern, Margaret Brown, *George Frick, Charles Peitzman (Buck's son), *Frank Lesh, Carolyn Snyder (John Snyder's Mother), Dorothy Campbell (Joan Gerhart's mother), Brendan P. Jerasa (nephew of Kim Jerasa), John Lovrinic (Sue Frost's father), and *Dorothy Moyer. [* indicates a member of St. Peter's]

The purpose of St. Peter's congregation is to grow in its commitment to God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through witness and service to all God's people everywhere.

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NEW St. Peter's Office Hours:

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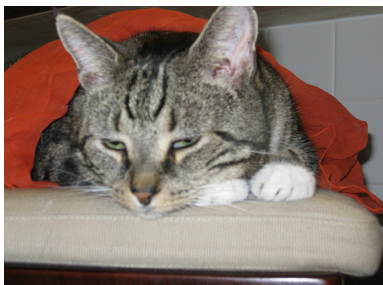
Wednesday: 11:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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FISHNET deadline– Monday, January 16th



NOAH'S ARK

Hi Friends

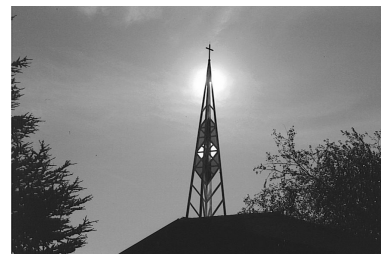
I think I can relax for a few weeks. I had to be at the Craft Fair and get my picture taken with Santa on December 3. It was a good day and we made some money for Stray Cat Blues. I had my friend Chaos with me and some cute little kittens. At Moyer Indoor Outdoor event, I took some more kittens with me and some friends who are about 5 and 6 months old. Good news—we have potential adopters. This one man declared that he really didn't need another cat, his household was just right. Then, he fell in love with Miss Holly and I think he will adopt her. A family came in just as we were closing the store for the day and they are going to put in an application to adopt Jingles. Everyone was very, very nice to us.

I hope you have friended me on Facebook. I have friends from a lot of different places. I am so happy about that.

Me and my furry friends are so lucky to have a nice warm place to live but there are many kitties who don't have a warm place to sleep and don't know where they will get food to stay alive. If you can't adopt a kitty, maybe you can sponsor one to help pay for the costs of caring for him/her until he/she gets adopted.

If you are celebrating a birthday and feel that you don't need a lot of gifts, maybe you can ask your friends to donate money to an animal rescue group in your honor.

I wish everyone a very wonderful new year.



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SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, January 1st ~ One Service 10:00 a.m.

Annual Report Articles Due ~ Thurs, January 4

Blood Drive ~ Thursday, January 5th

Ice Skating ~ Sunday, January 22nd

Annual Congregational Meeting- February 4th

(snow date 2/11)

Rock Climbing ~ Sunday, February 12th

Ash Wednesday: February 22nd

Service of Holy Communion:

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Soup & Bread Supper. 5:30 p.m.

Mud Shack Youth Event ~ Friday, March 9th

Trenton Thunder ~ Saturday, April 21st at 5:05

New Year's 2012

Brothers and Sisters in Christ's Mission:

Soon after the New Year's Celebration we will begin a new chapter in our work together here at St. Peter's. I am thankful to your Council and to so many of you for your warm welcome and for your expressed interest in my staying on. How did this come about? The decision to appoint me was made by the Synod Interim Ministry Team in consultation with me and your Congregational Council. The term of my service will be about a year but the length of time really depends on how well we accomplish our mutual tasks in preparation for setting our vision and calling another pastor.

Ingredients for a successful Interim Process read like a recipe. The flour is conversation. The sugar is cooperation. The rising agent is telling the truth and respecting one another. The spices are the fun we have when everyone pitches in.

Soon you will be given invitations to participate in the interim process. If everyone gets involved the future of St. Peter's will be one where everyone can take an active part in living in God's New Creation.

This New Year offers a new promise for an active future as God's people in Hilltown and the world. I am looking forward to serving with you.

In Christ's partnership,

Pastor Beck

St. Peter's Flower and Bulletin Sponsors
Multiple sponsors are accepted and appreciated for all Sundays; if a Sunday you wish to sponsor has a sponsor listed feel free to complete and turn in a sponsor form. The forms are found outside the office door.

January 1, 2012

Altar Flowers In memory of Doris K. Phelps by Marjorie P. Moll
Worship Bulletins SPONSOR NEEDED
Children's' Bulletins In memory of grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Foster Sankey by Dwayne Ramsey

January 8, 2012

Altar Flowers In memory of W. Merrill and Esther Fellman
by Christine and Walter Fellman
Worship Bulletins: SPONSOR NEEDED
Children's' Bulletins In memory of My Dear Son Robert Meier
by Monika Meier

January 15, 2012

Altar flowers & Worship Bulletin SPONSOR NEEDED
Children's' Bulletins In memory of Betty Bergey by Bob Bergey

January 22, 2012

Altar Flowers ,Worship Bulletins & Children's' Bulletins
In memory of Don and Tom Hardy by Doris Hardy

January 29, 2012

Altar flowers & Worship Bulletin SPONSOR NEEDED
Children's' Bulletins In honor of Shirley Fickert
by Brenda Fickert

OPEN DATES for February – SPONSORS NEEDED

Altar Flowers : Feb. 5, 12, 26
Worship Bulletins : Feb. 19, 26



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| 1 | Ray Johnson | 15 | Colleen McCracken |
| | Florence Wampole | 18 | Margaret Myers |
| | Elizabeth Witt | | Matthew Long |
| | Sandie Driscoll | 19 | Janet Moyer |
| | | | Ethan Sommer |
| 3 | Julie Detweiler | 20 | Kyle Fisher |
| 7 | Bob Stankunas | 21 | Kara Clarke |
| | | 22 | Becca Shanks |
| 8 | Billy Jerdan | 24 | Helen Jordan |
| | | 26 | Aren Griffenberg |
| 9 | Helen Kendra | 27 | Marie Wert |
| 12 | Abbey Gall | 31 | Bill Detweiler |
| | Norah James | | Norm Driscoll |
| 14 | Grace Lehman | | |
| | Ashley Miskowski | | |
| | Anna James | | |

President's Letter

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Wow! Is all I can say with how fast 2011 has come and gone! Many things have happened in both my church life and personnel life.

It is with pleasure that the Upper Bucks Deans have chosen Pastor Paul Beck to be our Interim Pastor. He will be with us till we call our new Pastor. Pastor Beck will work closely with the council and congregation to begin moving forward. It is our responsibility to continue to participate in the church experiences from worship to bible studies and all the other experiences that are provide.

At our December Congregational Meeting we elected 3 new council members. Please welcome Lori Lombardo, John Snyder and Lou Bell to council for three year terms each. We will also say good bye and thank you to Debbie Rodrigo, Nancy Wendig and Joan Gerhart as they complete their term on council.

The annual budget was approved at the congregation meeting. It is now time for all of us to work hard to make the budget work. Please evaluate what you currently tithe and see if you can increase it.

We are in the process of looking to hire someone to lead the Praise Band. If you know anyone that would be interested in the position please contact the Human Resource Task Force, Diane Gall, Nancy Wendig and Eleanor Pietzman.

If you weren't able to make our Fourth Sunday in Advent Service you missed a very wonderful experience. Sandie Driscoll lead our youth bell choir, they played Silent Night. They were fantastic! Nancy Wendig, Diane Gall and Lisa Bell lead the children in "The Christmas Pageant". What a wonderful site to see so many youth. The Praise Band was lead by Laurel Tackett. Laurel ran between instruments playing fabulous music. We are so lucky to have her talent!

I would like to update every one on Norm Geist. He has been having some troubles with carpal tunnel. He has had his first surgery and is scheduled in January to have his other hand done. Please keep Norm in your prayers. Laurel will continue to play the organ until Norm is able to return.

Astrid and Barry Detweiler have rejoined St. Peter's. They have been re-installed as Eucharist lay. They will begin immediately going out to commune our shut-ins and spend some time with them. Pastor Beck will also make arrangements to get out and visit the shut-ins along with other members of the congregation.

As I finish my year as being your President I want to express a very warm thank you to all that have helped me grown and learn. I have been able to be involved in many aspects of the church and have enjoyed learning the inner workings of the church. It wasn't an easy year but I have always enjoyed a challenge. I think all in all things are working out and I am encouraged that we will grow together and learn to experience a happy exciting Christian life within St. Peter's and within the community we live in. It is time to work together. We need to listen to each other and let the controlling atmosphere fade away. We will learn to work together as brothers and sisters in Christ. I know from having my own brother and sister that it isn't always easy to work together. I feel if we follow the Lord and listen to his words we can do it!!

Happy Healthy Joyous New Year to each and everyone.
Betsy Waldo, Council President

YOUTH EVENTS

Confirmation

On Wednesday, January 4th, confirmation classes will resume. We will start at 6:15 with a meeting with confirmand parents to discuss the schedule for the rest of this year.

Sunday School

Sunday school classes will resume Sunday, January 8th.
Have a Happy New Year!

Fellowship Events

Sunday, January 22nd – Ice Skate at Hatfield Ice
2:20pm – 4:40pm, \$7 to skate, \$3 rental

Sunday, February 12th – Rock Climbing at Doylestown Rock Gym
1:00pm – 3:00pm, \$22 per climber, staff will work with the group on exercises and climbing challenges and then there will be time for free climbing on your own.



Friday, March 9th - Mudshack comes to church.
Join us in painting a piece of pottery or artwork.

Saturday, April 21st - Trenton Thunder
Baseball Game

Task Force Updates

Finance Task Force

The end-of-November financial reports were reviewed. Our income for the month took a downturn but we have been containing our expenses. The committee will continue to closely monitor our financial performance.

It was reassuring to see your participation and support at the December Congregational Meeting. The committee made a substantial investment in time and consideration in preparing the 2012 budget. Your continued faithful support of St Peter's will allow us to put our financial concerns behind us in the near future.

Plans for a financial review procedure are in progress.

Formulation of a Loan Policy is in progress, and plans are to bring this forward in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Shanks, for the Finance Task Force

The Noisy Christian Café

Some menu items that will be served at the café
In January:

Potato Bar
Meatball Sandwiches
Chili

Watch for the dates in the announcements for when
these yummy
Entrees' will be served

The Café will be back from Holiday January 11th, 2012
Sunday morning breakfast will be served January 15th, 2012

If you have dinner suggestions or would like to do a meal
for a Wednesday night please notify me. The Café supplies what is
needed we just need your time and energy.

Soups are always good especially now that the weather is cooler and
then we have our soup suppers during lent.
So if you would like to make soup that would be great, let
me know.

I would like to thank everyone that has come forward and
helped in the Café. I really do appreciate the time and energy you have
given to make it easier for me.

The other day I walked in the kitchen, it was clean and neat no dishes
anywhere, whoever was responsible, **Thank You**, you put a smile on
my face.

Happy New Year
Eleanor

THANK YOU

Helen Dengler would like to thank the Carolers who sang carols and Happy Birthday to her, and for the napkin gift. She also expressed her delight to see Barry and Astrid back at St. Peter's and visiting.

Dottie Barnhart wants to say thank you for the flowers delivered in December. It was so nice to talk and visit with the Detweiler's. She is feeling great right now, and has appreciated all the prayers. Thank u so much! God bless.

A Special thank-you to Gerhards Inc. Appliances of Doylestown, PA for continually donating cardboard, styrofoam, and boxes for many events here at St. Peter's, including the Christmas pageant.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

We and the Pennridge Fish organization want to thank all who contributed towards the winter coat drive. At this time we collected approximately 60 coats, along with scarves, hats and gloves. The representative from Fish was very appreciative as their requests are high and supply low. They are also in need of blankets, sheets, towels and wash cloths which we may include in next years drive or have a continuing drive throughout the year. Watch for more on this new project. ~ Doris & Shirley Texter

Thank you to all the girls and boys who came to joyously sing Christmas carols at our home on Sunday afternoon. It was wonderful and uplifting to see so many happy case (adults and kids) Barry's Santa's hat really gave both of us a good laugh. We miss sharing the holidays with our St. Peter's friends. We especially like to thank the ladies who knit the beautiful afghan for John. The appliquéd sailboats were a wonderful reminder of John's first sailboat.

Thank you all! God's blessing on all, Rita & John Bixler

Christmas Poinsettia Sponsors

Ron & Dottie Beerkircher	In Memory of our parents
Molly Fidler & Family	In Honor of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Kramer
Dorothy Grolman	In Memory of my Loving Husband, David
Peg Hardy	To The Glory of God
Flo & Joe Haenn	In Honor of our Parents
Richard Lohr	In Memory of Edward & Kathryn
Michel Family	In Memory of William H Michel, Jr
Monika Meier	In Memory of my husband, Robert & Anton Meier
	In Memory of Peter & Andrew Lukoschek
Marjorie Moll	In Memory of Mary & Ray Compton
John & Donna Snyder	In Memory of our mothers, Marilyn J. Nace Carolyn M. Snyder
Phil & Laurel Tackett	In Honor Of Ben, Alex & Julia Tackett

