



# ST. PETER'S

## A BIBLE CHURCH

Preparing People for Eternity

September 2024 Newsletter

### PASTOR TOM'S PERSPECTIVE

Over the last four weeks, Pastor Jerry and I have led our church through a study of what it means to worship. We prayed much over the month that both of us, and our whole church, would be both encouraged and challenged to grow in breadth and depth of our worship of our Lord.

We concluded our study, learning that to worship is to celebrate who God is and what He does for us. We looked at how King David established the pattern for us to worship.

2 Samuel 6:5a says, "David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD with all kinds of instruments.

Our goal, church family, is to follow after the example of King David and celebrate Jesus every day. For sure, we want our corporate worship every Sunday morning to be joyful with hearts, minds and voices raised as we lift our hands in praise to the One who is over us. We want to give God the glory that is due His name (Psalm 96:8).

We also want to celebrate Jesus in our homes, our cars, when we are working out, and when we relax with family. We want to schedule regular times with those closest to us to have good food, good music, and good sharing together to celebrate the Lord and to look forward to the time when we will all be in His Kingdom together.

Church family, these are exciting and powerful times at our church. We see the spiritual growth in our children, youth, young men, young women, and those of us who have a few years under our belts. We daily are seeing HUGE steps of faith from our people and each week we are welcoming new people to our church. We are seeing more people volunteer to serve each week in new roles because they feel God calling them to serve Him, our church, and our community.

Let's keep the celebration going! Just because our month-long study on worship is complete, it's not time to forget what we have learned. Instead, let us lean into new ways of worship that we've discovered this month, so that we can continually be praising our great God.

Celebrating Jesus!

Pastor Tom



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

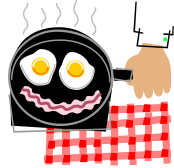
### KEENAGERS ~ BREAKFAST

Tuesday September 17 8:00 a.m.

Mason Dixon Restaurant in Shrewsbury.

Please be sure you sign up so we can give them a fairly accurate count of how many are coming.

Any questions, please see  
Dean & Barb Ferree



Grace Howard would like to wish everyone  
Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary  
for the Month of July!



### Cook Books

There are still cook books available!

The price is \$20.00

### Online Contributions for Tithes & Offerings

We are offering this service for  
anyone who would like to use it.

Go to St. Peter's website at  
[www.preparingyouforeternity.org](http://www.preparingyouforeternity.org) and click on  
the Donate button at the bottom of the page.

This will take you to the link.

You can use Visa, Mastercard, Discover,  
or American Express.

It is very easy to use.

Please call the church office (717-428-3559)

## GREETERS / WELCOME

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- 9/1 Dave Somerville
  - 9/8 Mark Sweitzer
  - 9/15 Joe Markey
  - 9/22 Joe Markey
  - 9/29 Nate Wolfe



## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

- 9/1 Tom Beck
- 9/8 Mark Sweitzer
- 9/15 Joe Markey
- 9/22 Mark Sweitzer
- 9/29 Jeff Miller



## NURSERY

Downstairs Every Sunday at 10:00 AM

Our nursery will receive all children from birth to  
age three each Sunday morning.

Please bring your child to the nursery before the  
start of the 10:00 AM worship each week.

If you have a child in this age, please make sure  
to clearly mark your diaper bag with your child's  
name when you leave your son or daughter with  
our nursery volunteers. Also, please carefully  
mark the cup(s) for your children.

Stacy Wolfe  
Christina Markey

Gracie Higgins	01	Olivia Lua	12
Jeff Kiser Jr.	01	Mariah Black	13
Laurie Shive	01	Alexandra Higgins	16
Logan Ferree	02	Dean Ferree	17
Carol DeLory	03	Jennifer Stoltzfus	17
Makayla Higgins	03	Abigail Trauffer	18
Linda Ehrman	04	Garrett Bortner	20
Lane DiMaggio	07	Kendra Allison	21
Tucker Klinefelter	08	Layla Sirk	21
Landon Sirk	08	Allison Emig	22
Vi Smeltzer	08	George Merryman	23
Karen Christas	10	Alex Quesenberry	25
Heidi Beck	11	Darlene Sweitzer	25
Tracey Higgins	11	Kate Putt	30

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
Income	26,805.33
Expenses	
Missions	6,652.00
Total Building Fund Exp.	9,042.00
Church Operating Expense	403.36
Church/ Office Supplies	666.57
Electricity	646.07
Funds Transfer Exp	15.00
Lawn Service/Snow Removal	750.00
Online Banking Expense	79.00
Payroll	12,246.98
Program/Special Expense	2,308.23
Repairs/Maintenance Expense	1,140.42
Telephone/Internet	267.80
Youth Program Expenses	429.02
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>34,646.45</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-7,841.12</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>-2,662.72</b>

\*The reason we sometimes show a loss for the building fund is due to our investment account. As you know, this will rise and fall based on the performance of the stock market each month.

If we have missed anyone's Birthday or Anniversary, we apologize and ask that you please contact the Church office so that we may update our records.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Susan McCarthy	09/11
Trent & Melissa Goodling	09/14
Nate & Stacy Wolfe	09/18
Dan & Tracy Frantz	09/25
Mike & Tiffany Klunk	09/27
John & Karen Krone	09/30



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### RICE PANS Hello Rice Pan Cooks

The pans, rice and recipe are always available on the church bench for the month they are needed.

Be sure to grab two pans!

The cooking process is easy once you assemble spices, chopped onions and peppers, cooked the ground beef and opened the tomato sauces.

Mix all together and fill the pans.

Please wrap the pans tightly in foil and place in Church freezer. Please place the attached labels on top of each wrapped pan.

Many thanks for supporting this project.

Folks in York appreciate your kindness.

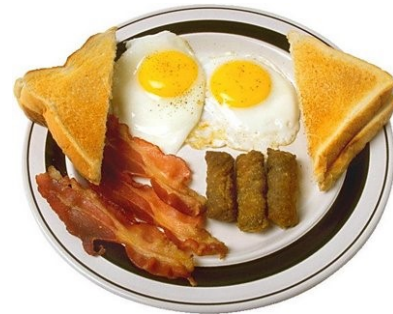
If you have any questions, please call Kate at 717-578-1085.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The community is invited the 2nd Saturday of every month for a free breakfast hosted by Christ United Methodist Church in Jacobus from 8:30 to 10:30 AM

This month's date is September 14th



### Start helping to prepare for Christmas in Loganville

If you have any quart jars or used lids, please put them in the basement on the shelf outside the kitchen or talk to Dean and Barb Ferree.

If you have a bountiful garden and are looking to get rid of some produce, we can use the following: corn, tomatoes, green beans, onions, celery, carrots, and potatoes. Talk to Sue Shank for details about these.

If you'd like to help Becky Bair with crafts, she would love to have you over to her house where she has all the supplies, just contact her!

**Starts** September 18th , 2024  
**Ends** May 14th 2025

**St. Peter's Church**  
1708 Seitzville Rd.  
Seven Valleys, PA 17360

**Wednesday evenings**  
**6:00pm-7:30pm**  
Dinner will be served at 6:00pm every Wednesday

Please call the church at 717-428-3559 to register your child

### Bible Adventure Begins!

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, ... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19a/20a These words of Jesus are the theme for this year. Our goal is to help students choose to follow Jesus and then to grow to become like Him! Honestly, that will take a lifetime! So, let’s start now!

At a training in early August, I heard two reports that troubled my heart. A survey of Third through Fifth Graders revealed that 79% of them questioned if the Bible is true. Who are our Bible illiterate students? What do you say? I said those children who have never or have rarely been in a church. That is correct, but many children who go to church are also Bible illiterate. Why? Churches are entertaining the children instead of teaching them God’s Word and how to live it. May our church and Bible Adventure be found guilty of truly teaching God’s Word to these children every week. Thank You, Lord!

This Bible Adventure, which is for students at the Dallastown Area Intermediate School, begins on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Parents need to register their 4, 5, or 6, Grader and have received a call from the BA Staff, before their child may begin. Homeschoolers may participate also, but their parents will need to provide their transportation. Registered students at the school will be picked up at 1:45 in the Red Office. They will be taken by van to Salem Christian Church at 24 Franklin Street in Jacobus. During our time at church the students will learn about God, people in the Bible, prayer, how to memorize verses, the names of the books in the Bible, the Ten Commandments, how to be saved, review games, and more! The pupils who attend the intermediate school will return there by 3:00, so they can catch their bus or ride home. Parents, does this ministry sound beneficial for your child? Please check out Joy El’s website and register your child online at [www.joyelgeneration.org/bible-adventure-permission-form/](http://www.joyelgeneration.org/bible-adventure-permission-form/)

If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Markey at 717-781-7395. Looking forward to a grand year with many students learning who our One, True, Living God is in many ways. Let’s pray that God will lead parents to encourage their child to participate in this ministry. Father God, grow this ministry to bring You glory and honor.



### Men's Ministry

Our next Men’s Ministry dates will be September 28th at 7:00 AM, October 20th at 5:00 PM and November 10th at 5:00 PM. All men and young men are urged to attend these times for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. If you have any questions, please see Mark Sweiter, Sam Carpen, or Pastor Tom.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Psalm 62:8*

### Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday mornings at 9 AM in the fellowship hall.**

**We are doing the study "Brave and Beloved" by Meredith Storrs**

**All ladies are welcome!**

**Any questions, please see Christina Markey or Laurie Miller.**

**If you are interested in joining the study for your first time, please let Christina know so she can add you on her phone list to call.**

**Christina Markey & Laurie Miller**



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### Come join the fun downstairs!

If you have children ages 4 - or greater, we ask that you have those children sit with you during the opening part of worship each week.

After the opening music and prayers, we will dismiss children ages 4 – 10 to Children's Church each week.

Children ages 11 and greater should remain in the church to worship in the sanctuary for the balance of the service with their parents or guardians.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
His love endures forever.  
1 Chronicles 16:34

If you wish to join the Children's Church volunteers, please contact Elder Dave Somerville

Sue Quesenberry  
Cassie Emig  
Tammy Cutler  
Dave Somerville  
John & Karen Krone  
Beverly Markey  
Mike & Jen Stoltzfus  
Danae Klinefelter  
Diane & Bill Berry





# Calendar of Events For St. Peter's Church



## SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9 AM Mocha</p> <p>10 AM Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>9 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6 PM New Hope</p> <p>7 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9 AM Mocha</p> <p>10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Consistory Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 PM Elder's Mtg</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6 PM New Hope</p> <p>7 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9 AM Mocha</p> <p>10 AM Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8 AM Keenager's Breakfast</p> <p>9 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6 PM Pioneer Club New Hope</p> <p>7 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9 AM Mocha</p> <p>10 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Consistory Mtg</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 AM See You At the Pole</p> <p>6 PM Pioneer Club New Hope</p> <p>7 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9 AM Mocha</p> <p>10 AM Worship</p>	<p>30</p>					





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St. Peter's Church is located  
at the corners of  
Seitzville & Yellow Church Rd.

AWANA ~ Wednesdays 6:00 to 7:30 PM  
(October to April)

Youth Group ~ Wednesday 7:00 PM

## **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Mocha for Missions 9:00 to 9:45 AM

**Worship 10:00 AM**

Nursery/Childcare 10:00 AM

Children's Church 10:00 AM

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Feeling the Call to a Short Term Mission Trip?

Perhaps a call to South Africa?

There are several short term mission trip opportunities coming up this coming year to serve with  
Youth In Transformation in Cape Town, South Africa.

September 9 - September 20, 2024

Prayer Spaces in Schools (Sep. 16 - Sep. 19)

Questions?

Interested?

Contact Jack Dyson- 717.578.5501 or [jack@youthintransformation.org](mailto:jack@youthintransformation.org)