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"I Love the Lord ... So I Tell Him!"

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me,

I will call on him as long as I live." —Psalm 116:1-2

Greetings family of God ...

One of the key components that Kendra and I speak with couples looking to get married during our counseling visits is on communication. Through our 31 years of marriage, I discovered that on the days that I had deep, soul-communication with Kendra — not "Hi. How are you? I love you. See you later" — that's when our relationship would grow. And on those days when we have little or no communication, our relationship starts to wither. A relationship is never standing still. It's either growing or withering.

The same is true with God. On the days when you have deep, significant talks with God, your relationship grows. On the days when you have little or no conversation with God, your relationship withers. It's that simple.

When you really love someone, you don't just want to spend time with them. You want to talk with them. I remember when I first fell in love with Kendra, we would spend hours on the phone talking. That was the era of "land lines" and "rotary phones", pre-cell phone! I actually went out and bought my parents an extra long cord so that I could talk to Kendra while sitting on the back porch of our home. My parents would get so angry as I stretched the cord under the screen door. But we would talk and talk and talk because we were getting to know each other. Communication is the key to knowing others.

What do you talk about if you want to express love to God? Anything that you'd talk to your best friend about: your hopes, your fears, your dreams, your anxieties, the things you're embarrassed about, the things you're proud of, the things you're ashamed of, your goals, your ambitions,



your hurts, your cares — every part of your life. God is a God of love and compassion. He is a God of encouragement and a God of comfort.

The Bible says in Psalm 116:1-2, "I love the Lord for he heard my voice; he heard my cry [prayer] for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me [to listen], I will call on him [pray] as long as I live!"

Folks, if you don't feel close to God because your Christian life has become routine, dull, joyless, and lifeless, there's a simple remedy: Start talking [praying] to God again. Ask yourself the following questions:

- How often do you talk to your best friend? Is it more or less often than you talk to God?
- Have you ever tried praying Scripture to God? Why do you think it's important?
- If prayer is a conversation, how have you responded to what God has been saying to you?

Prayer is not some duty that you have to do. It's a privilege that you get to do. You get to talk to the Creator of the universe! He's waiting on you to have a conversation with him so that your relationship can grow.

Blessings and LOVE,

Pastor Jim

Welcome ~ New Members!

St. Peter's has the privilege to welcome the following individuals into our Faith Community on October 4th. Be sure to update your pictorial directory!

Edward & Sally Bennethum	Dustin & Judy Caldwell	Randy & Denise Herbe
653 Lancaster Rd.	143 Pleasant Valley Rd.	107 Celia Drive
Fombell, Pa 16123	Portersville, Pa 16051	Fombell, Pa 16123
724-752-1409	724-421-3809	724-766-1029
Karen Martin	Alice Kay O'Neill	James Schulz
548 Scott Ridge Rd.	201 Rock Lake Drive	125 Southview Drive
Harmony, Pa 16037	Zelienople, Pa 16063	Harmony, Pa 16037
724-368-3085	724-473-0103	724-780-4815
Gregg & Kathy Marley	Jason & Priscilla Spear	Gene & Jean Wittenmeyer
309 S. High Street	385 Perry Hwy.	217 Pittsburgh Street
Zelienople, Pa 16063	Harmony, Pa 16037	Zelienople, Pa 16063
724-991-8846	724-968-7193	724-283-2600

The Throne Room

Dear brothers and sisters of St. Peter's:

We are on an exciting journey here at St. Peter's. May I share with you a vision that is coming to pass? "Jesus said His Father's house is to be a house of prayer."



We at St. Peter's are blessed to have so much to offer: We have a library filled with a lot of great reading and resource material, a great fellowship hall for gatherings and fellowship, rooms for ministries to prepare, choir, bells, Sunday school classrooms, Dorcas Circle, Sunday school office, and the Sanctuary for us to gather to praise and worship and to receive teachings to help us grow spiritually.

One room we are in need of is a room where individuals may go to come away from all the cares of the world and just be still and talk to the Lord.

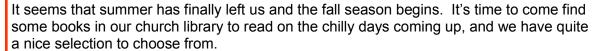
Just as hospitals know the need for places for hurting people to go, they have set aside space for Prayer Chapels. We are setting aside one room on the lower level of the education building designate for prayer.

Our prayer is that you will come into "The Throne Room" when it is ready as we together discover that "Jesus is the cornerstone, and prayer is the foundation of the church."

In Christ's Name, Bea Barna

LIBRARY NOTES

Greetings!!





I will feature two fiction books given in memory of Twila Ritzert by David and Berdetta Kennedy...

TWISTED INNOCENCE by Terry Blackstock. A young woman's past choices have finally caught up to her, but she never expected them to endanger her baby.

LOVE WITHOUT END by Robin Lee Hatcher. For two single parents with bruised hearts, it will take more than a little courage to "get back on the horse" when it comes to love.

Other books that have been added as well.

DECEIVED by Irene Hannon. Another mystery one of our favorite authors. This book is about a grieving mother, a mysterious child, and a dedicated private investigator who is determined to solve the puzzle.

THE SHEPHERD'S SONG by Betty Duffy. This book has been given in honor of Ruth Gross by Pam North. The story tells of one piece of paper that travels around the world linking lives and hearts with its simple but beautiful message.

SAMSON by Ellen Gunderson Traylor. A man of striking contradictions, Samson is chosen by God yet captive to his passions. He knows his great purpose yet wallows in meaninglessness. One woman can make him weak, one God can make him strong.

LIBRARY NOTES (continued)

THE LONG JOURNEY by Roberta Kells Dorr. This is a novel about Abraham, chosen by God to father a nation; and Sarah, his beautiful and strong willed wife. Theirs was a story of love and determination so compelling that it has endured for years.

SOLOMON'S SONG by Roberta Kells Dorr. An aging king...a scheming queen...a young prince destined for the throne...the beautiful woman who captivated them all. This book brings the Bible's greatest love story to life.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA by Roberta Kells Dorr. This is the third in the author's trilogy on the biblical house of David. It is a riveting tale of a woman who longs for love and discovers much more than she expected. We have one new non-fiction book.

DAVID by W. Phillip Keller. This is a devotional study of when God can use anyone for his purposes. It's been a busy summer for me, but it is good to be back to the computer typing a page for the new letter again.

Happy reading every one!! Sandy Nolte, Librarian.



Hands Helping Hearts

Jesus didn't come to be served, HE came to SERVE.

THE GREATEST AMONG YOU MUST BE A SERVANT.

MATTHEW 23:11 NLT

Community Dinner Friday, October 9, 2015 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Menu is:

Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, veggie, coleslaw, bread and dessert

The October dinner will benefit Janet McKain of Butler. Janet has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. The cancer has also spread into her lymph nodes. This is a life-threatening condition and she is very scared and nervous. Janet is a single mother of three children who love her dearly. Janet doesn't have very good health insurance and needs help with the many medical expenses. Please join us as we show Janet God's amazing love through our giving. Thanks!!

Volunteer Ministry News

A big thanks goes out to all of you who came to our Volunteer Ministry Fair on September 13! The volunteer ministry leaders appreciate everyone's interest and they are grateful to those of you who signed up to participate in one (or more) of our ministries. All in all, there are at least 15 new people who are going to become part of our service and/or worship ministries. Please remember that it's NEVER too late to get involved - just see any of the leaders or contact people (their names and the ministries they lead are listed below) or contact Pam at the church office (724-452-8120) to indicate your interest or to get more information.



Women's Ministry - Marla Clouse Dorcas Circle - Betty Lighthiser
Men's Ministry - Gene Lee Caps for Kids - Ruth Gross
We Care - Lynn Meyers Funeral Luncheons - Judy Double
TNT - Tina Geis/Aubrey Rader Parking Lot Greeters - Dayne Stauffer

Hands Helping Hearts - Tammy Stauffer/Karen Cunningham

Angels of Praise - Emily Bertoti Ding-a-Lings - Kendra Bertoti Prayz Him - Dale Krysinski Senior Choir - Pam North

Sound System Operators - Tim McMaster/Scott McMaster

Pictorial Directory Update

The phrase from the old song 'you ought to be in pictures' is soon to be a reality for St. Peter's as all of the materials and pictures have been gathered together and sent off to Lifetouch to be bound into our new pictorial directory. This was a huge undertaking for everyone who helped on any of the committees, but the biggest responsibility fell on Sheri McMaster, who headed up the whole project and also served as the layout editor, so we thank her for all that she did to make sure that everything ran smoothly and that the end result would be a beautiful updated directory! We also thank Sharon McCormick for serving as our 'resident photographer' - she captured many great church family pictures for the directory activity pages! Other helpers we would like to thank include: Joan Banyay and Becky Kaelin (sign-ups), Joanne Majors, Sharyn McMaster, and Cathy Powell (telephone callers), Ed Barth and Catherine Thornberry, Marla Clouse, Debbie Evans-Kanell, Sally Hamilton, Denise and Ed Knauff, Joanne Majors, Sharon McCormick, Lynn Meyers, Pam North, Linda Rape, and Ginni Smoke (greeters). A big thanks also goes to those of you who brought a canned good (or more than one!) to your photography appointment - we were able to help our Southwest Butler County Food Cupboard get re-stocked for the fall and they were most appreciative of our efforts! It will be hard to wait for the finished product, but look for the directory to be out and distributed before Christmas!

Willing Workers

Do you need a willing worker? It's that time of the year when some of you who aren't able to do as much around the house (inside or out) as you used to do might need a helping hand. We would like to remind you that there are Willing Workers who have signed up and are waiting to use their particular skills in order to help with whatever need you might have (and if your need involves transportation or shopping or something else, we can help with that, too). Please call the church office (724-452-8120) and check with Pam or Sheri so that they can pair you up with the right person!

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir would like to thank our anonymous benefactor for once again this year providing the funds for us to enjoy a delicious Nancy Korczynski dinner! We celebrated this fine gift of food on September 2nd before our first choir rehearsal of the new season, all the while being mindful of the continuing generosity of this special person in our church. We don't know who you are, but we're very glad that God does - and we ask Him to bless you for your wonderful kindness to our ministry for so many years now!!

In Christ's service, Pam

HARVEST HOME ~ October 25th

Someone once told me that the older you get, the faster time goes. This truth is something I have felt to be immensely true this year! I cannot believe it is already October. As we welcome fall, I am drawn to the reality of another Harvest Home Sunday! This year, it will take place on Sunday, October 25. Below are the list of items each Sunday School class is responsible for:

Berean- Hygiene products

Parenting-Ready to eat soup and/ or condensed soup

Fidelity- Canned chicken and/ or tuna fish

Basics-Taco kits and/ or Helper meals

Preschool and Kindergarten- Canned fruit and canned vegetables

1st and 2nd-Jelly and Juice

3rd and 4th- Mac & Cheese

5th and 6th- Cereal

Jr. and Sr. High- Pancake mix and/or syrup



Each class is responsible for these items and can bring them throughout the month of October. There will also be a donation table available that morning in the Meet n' Greet area for anyone else who would like to donate.

Please consider giving as we can bless the Southwest Butler Food Bank, who can then bless those local families who are in need! As I consider the good we can do through Harvest Home, I am drawn back to Matthew 25:40, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Let's put the Lord first in our giving! Ultimately, anything we do for others is a service to Him- what an awesome reality!

412 Youth Group

From the heart of the Youth Director...

As we kick off fall, God has been stirring in me a deeper desire to be with Him. To run after Him and seek Him in all that I do. To truly experience the full life I can have with Him. I don't know about you, but I'm easily distracted. Life gets busy. Other activities take over, and before you know it time with the Lord has taken a back seat. It's not intentional, but it does happen. How gracious and loving He is to call us back to Him. When the world is so LOUD, He so sweetly and quietly whispers for us to come to Him. I am so grateful.

At the first 412 meeting of the year, I shared with the students what God had been doing in my heart and life recently. I asked them what distracted them from fully running after Jesus. Their responses don't waiver too much from what we as adults face... work, social media, school pressure, busyness with sports, etc. Yet in all of them, there is a longing for their relationship with the Lord to be fuller. To understand who He is better. To seek what He desires in each of our lives.

Are you a teen that desires to have a fuller relationship with Jesus? Come to 412. Every Sunday night there is an opportunity for you to grow in your walk with Him, as well as be held accountable to other teens that are facing the same struggles you are. We tend to have fun when we are together too through games and munching on yummy snacks. I promise you won't regret it.

1 Timothy 4:12, "Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

Women's Ministry News

Women's Ministry Fellowship/Service meetings are the second Saturday of the month at 10 am –12 noon held in the church fellowship room. All women of the church are invited to join us for a light snack, devotional, and a time of fun and fellowship as we help with service projects.



For October 10th, we will be filling purses that we have collected with items to give to the ladies in need at VOICe (Victim Outreach Intervention Center) in Cranberry Twp. Thank you for the generous donations of purses. We have about 50 purses!! Pat Rice has been busy crocheting beautiful scarves to add to the purses. Thank you Pat!! The items we are still in need of: hand sanitizer, chap stick/lip gloss, brushes/combs, cosmetic mirrors, nail polish, date calendar/planners for 2016, and pens. I truly appreciate all of your generous donations in supporting this Service Project.

On November 14th, we will be doing a few craft projects. 1) to make seasonal decorative vases to be used for the centerpieces on the tables at our various dinners/lunches; 2) to make Christmas cards for St Peter's "We Care" Program to give out during visitations in December.

On December 12th, this will be our 4th "Sweet Blessings" cookie drive. Karen Thomas and Amy George will be helping with this project. Plates of Christmas cookies will go to the "We Care" Program, and "Feed My Sheep" Ministry.

Our ongoing Service Project is making mats for the homeless. FLATTENED plastic grocery bags may be placed in the marked box near the food cupboard drop off area. We need ladies to cut bags, loop the strips to make the strands & wind them into balls. Please return the balls to the same drop off area for the ladies to use to crochet the mats. We need your help in getting the bags ready for the ladies doing the crocheting.

Come join us as we have fun and fellowship in serving Christ with these projects.

Serving Christ, Marla Clouse

Happy October Birthday to:

Velma Cleland ~ October 8 ~ 93 years young Gene Wittenmeyer ~ October 13 ~ 83 years young Jack Mohrbacher, Sr. ~ October 23 ~ 81 years young Eleanor Kennedy ~ October 25 ~ 83 years young Rosemarie Christian ~ October 29 ~ 88 years young Nina Kraynik ~ October 31 ~ 83 years young



Happy October Anniversary to:

Al & Betty Lighthiser ~ October 7 ~ 63 years

Ed & Janet Zeigler ~ October 16 ~ 51 years

Regis & Brooke Kaelin ~ October 17 ~ 51 years

Paul & Karen Rader ~ October 22 ~ 55 years

Edward & Sally Bennethum ~ October 27 ~ 53 years





THANK YOU'S

Dear St. Peter's Church Famíly,

Thank you to all who sent cards, called or visited or prayed for me during my recent knee replacement surgery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Síncerely, Tím McMaster

Dear St. Peter's Congregation,

The flowers you sent were so beautiful and gave us comfort during the past 10 days. More though is the comfort that I always feel when I walk into our church. Thank you for being there for me and my family.

Sincerely, Kim Dambach

A Heartfelt Thanks!

So many people have commented on what a fine addition the new awning that leads to our elevator entrance has been these past several months (just imagine how much it will also be appreciated as it continues to be utilized in the upcoming winter months). We would like to thank Craig Lutz for giving the funds for this very worthwhile project that will benefit our church family for many years to come! Craig's very generous gift has been given in memory of his mother May. We would also like to thank Craig for giving St. Peter's one of May's lovely original paintings (this one depicts part of the nativity story). If you have not yet seen it, it has been hung just inside the entrance off of our driveway (next to Boylan's).

As most of you know, May was one of our 'senior saints' who at age 92 went home to be with the Lord on May 5th of this year. In next month's Noiseletter we will be sharing an account of May's 'near death' experience from a few years ago that has been put on paper by her daughter Carla McCoy - you can look for it in the November issue!

CONSISTORY UPDATE

Elders Report:

Steve Smoke, Cath Rape and Pete Butcher are working on the by-law amendment on same sex marriage. This will be communicated to the congregation. As Pastor Jim's sabbatical was not granted, Elders are looking into help with some other plan for him. They will make sure this is budgeted. They are working on improving how we take care of shut in visitation, hospitalizations, the sick etc. Sarah Jacobs is getting a team together helping with marketing efforts.

Treasurer's Report:

Janet presented her report. It was mentioned that Craig Lutz paid the full amount, over \$15,000 for the awning.

We now have a balance of \$11,224.41 in the Current Year Project account.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Jim is gearing up for I Love my Church with rally day will be on Sunday. The volunteers will be recognized and a picnic will follow the service. Randy Herbe is starting his internship. He will stop in tomorrow and come in for four hours Mondays and Thursdays until December. The "Effective Pastor" guide will benefit both Randy and the church. Pastor Jim asked for preliminary approval for membership for the following: Ed and Sally Bennethum, Gayle and Saundra Butcher, Peter Butcher, Dustin and Judy Caldwell, Casey Hamburg, Randy and Denise Herbe, Greg and Kathy Marley, Karen Martin, Alice "Kay" O'Neill, Jason and Priscilla Spear, James Schulz, Gene and Jean Wittenmeyer. New members will be brought in on October 4th.

Deacon's Report:

Sheri presented the report, mentioning that August attendance is down over last year, however, giving was up. We are under budget for the year but hopefully with summer being over, we will catch up. She has asked to receive budget information by September 18 in order to get started working on it.

Director of Volunteer Ministries Report:

Pam and Pastor Jim are taking a class on Reflective Pastoral Training and Care. It is a great learning and sharing experience.

Trustee's Report:

The Trustees are working on figuring out the time it will take Bill Allman to clean the Sunday School building due to the new renovation of the building. Darrin and Pam looked to see if the light in the awning is effective.

Youth and Christian Education:

Denise reported that August was crazy awesome, very busy. She met with the seventh graders and their parents to encourage them to come to 412. Faith night after the Pirates game was great. Events for the year are scheduled and she will have a mailing to promote what's going on. A college student from Geneva College, Christine, will be coming in. She was a student of hers when Denise did her internship. She had originally had Business as her major but changed to Ministry. Denise asked to speak at Geneva to get one or two more students.

Worship Committee:

Dayne mentioned that they need to be sure there is an usher at each entrance to the balcony with bulletins and hymnals. The video recording team needs to have announcements beforehand in order to have them on the screen for Sunday. The old piano in the choir room is now gone. Rather than repairing it, a new one was purchase for \$700.

Church Plant and Rescue

Bob reported they will be meeting to evaluate what the committee did right or wrong and perhaps another candidate. Ford City received their last payment. Pat from Ford City resigned as worship music leader. He will be here on Rally Day and play with the Praise Team. Pastor Corey will be a Sunday only pastor at Ford City. They'll run out of money soon.

New Business

The Congregational meeting for budget and election will be delayed until December 6th and the annual meeting on January 31st in order to include discussion of the proposed bylaw amendment. This is necessary so that follow-up approval which needs to be within 60 days can be made at that time rather than holding a separate meeting.

Janet thanked Gene and all who did all the work on the Sunday school building. Gene said "the people responded well." Pam mentioned the need for prayer for the Convery-Kelley family for the loss of the mother and daughter in the New Castle fire. Kim Dambach who has worshipped at St Peter's in the past is the mother and grandmother of this family.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schulte, Elder

September 25, 2015

SOUTHWEST BUTLER FOOD CUPBOARD



557 Perry Highway Harmony, PA 16037

Phone: 724.453.4184

Website: www.swbfoodcupboard.org

Hello and happy fall,

Below is the current food needs for October for the Southwest Butler Food Cupboard.

Pasta Taco kits

Condensed soup Sloppy Joes

Read-to-eat soup Egg noodles

Baked Beans Rice

Other types of beans Rice and pasta sides

Canned fruit Dessert mixes

Financial donations are accepted. Please send them to the attention of Southwest Butler Food Cupboard, 557 Perry Highway, Harmony, PA 16037.

Thank you and God bless.

Sharon Klaiber

St. Peter's Reformed Church I Love My Church & Rally Day was a success!!















OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	Head Usher for October Dayne Stauffer	Pastoral Assistant for October John Schulte				
				1 11:30am Ministerium ~ Fellowship Room 7pm Fitness Group CIZE ~ Fellowship Room	2 1pm Fellowship Rm in use for Mohrbacher/ Markowski Rehearsal 6pm Mohrbacher/ Markowski Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary	3 8am Men's Bible Study ~ Ed. Bldg. 11:30am Mohrbacher/ Markowski Wedding ~ Sanctuary 12:30pm Reception ~ F.R.
4 12:15pm Halos 12:45pm Angels 1:15pm Jr. Angels 6pm 412 Y.G. 6pm FPU Class ~ Ed. Bldg.	6pm Prayz Him 6pm Conf. Mtg. Phase 1 ~ Ed. Bldg. 6:30pm Conf. Mtg. Phase 2 ~ Ed. Bldg. 6:30 TNT ~ Ed Bldg. 7pm Fitness Group	6 7pm Elder's Mtg. ~ Parish House 5:30pm Circle of Friends ~ F.R.	7 9am Prayer Group 5:30pm Sr. High Bible Study 6:30pm Generation Change ~ Ed. Bldg. 7pm Senior Choir	8 7pm Fitness Group CIZE ~ Fellowship Room	9 5pm HHH Community Dinner ~ Fellowship Room	10 10am Women's Ministry mtg. ~ Fellowship Room
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