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The Joyful Noiseletter



Worship ~ Fixing Our Eyes

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2*

Crisp Fall Greetings!

I love this time of year. I have never really been a warm weather type of person, unless I am on a beautiful beach with my beautiful wife! I much rather prefer to be wearing flannel shirts or sweatshirts sitting around an open fire roasting marshmallows for s'more's!

I have been encouraged by our steady attendance numbers through the summer months, which traditionally tends to dip due to vacations and lazy days. But the excitement and joy for worship has been spreading, in part from the enthusiasm brought about by our Christian Education Dept. under the direction of Heather Zeigler and our Youth Group, under the direction of Aubrey Rader. The goals of the various areas as designated by the Strategic Planning, continue to be met and fan the fires of delight at the church. The Worship Committee had been tasked with deciding whether to begin a second 'traditional' service where liturgy and music would resemble days past. And as one who has dug his heels in believing we could do a 'blended service,' I have rethought my position.

Over the past few month's I have been envisioning what two services would look like and how we could make it happen. I want those who appreciate the beauty and liturgy of a traditional service to be blessed as well as those who enjoy the variety of a more

contemporary service to be blessed. And as I was praying and thinking about what this would look like, I came across an article by Tom Reineir who says “We MUST focus on what is the main purpose for worship. Is it the beauty of the liturgy, the style of the music, the personality of the preacher, the sound of the instruments or the particulars of the presentation? Or it is Jesus Christ himself, present by His Spirit, alive in the Word, remembered in communion and exalted in our praises?”

He continues, “Oh what a tragedy when Christians gather for corporate worship and fix their eyes on lesser things, worship at little altars, obsess over preferences and go home after 90 minutes having missed the forest for the trees. Jesus is beckoning us to feast upon him, to delight in him alone and to lift our voices—whether they be loud and strong, or weak and feeble—to praise and magnify him.”

My heart breaks over how often I miss Jesus. Being slightly OCD (Obsessive Compulsive) an entire Sunday can go by, complete with prayers, songs and hymns, Scripture and a message, and my attention has been everywhere in the world except on the Risen Savior himself. Maybe it’s because the altar coverings are crooked, or the congregation didn’t respond well to my message, or the children were a bit ‘out of control’ during the children’s message. Sometimes, I worry about what’s not working, what went well, who’s being difficult, what needs to be fixed, who’s complaining, where am I supposed to be, what’s happening next and why did I mess that particular thing up? My mind is a mess and it lures me from worshiping Jesus in all his glory and goodness.

I wonder, “Do you miss him too?” Corporate worship becomes your time to seek Jesus and confess those things which have kept you away from him. It’s a time to improve your intimacy with God. It shouldn’t matter if the altar covering are crooked or if someone raises their hands or if a child is a bit rambunctious in worship. What matters is that Jesus is standing there, front and center, waiting for you to worship and adore him. The last thing I want is for anyone to miss Jesus, hence why we have decided to try and accommodate everyone’s desires with two services!

So, let’s try fixing our eyes on Jesus this Sunday. Maybe the sermon could be improved. Maybe the technical team had a few glitches. Maybe the songs or hymns could have been more familiar. Maybe that’s all true, but when we come to worship with a heart prepared to focus on Jesus, imagine what might happen. But never forget that Jesus is the reason we come to worship. Fix your eyes on him!

In the words of the Apostle Paul, “I thank my God every time I remember you.” (Phil 1:3 NIV)

Happy Thanksgiving with love and gratitude,

PJ

Dear St. Peter’s Congregation ...

Once again, your kind words, cards, flowers and gifts have blessed us for ‘Pastor Appreciation’ month. Our hearts are warmed by your generosity and love. It is our privilege to minister WITH you and look forward to many more profitable years of reaching the least, the lost and the lonely! Blessings and love to you all ...

Pastor Jim & Kendra



“Hope to Cope”

~ A Service of Remembrance ~

In conjunction with Boylan's Funeral Home, St. Peter's will be offering a service on **Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter's** to prepare the hearts of those who have lost loved ones this past year in dealing with the emotions of the Christmas holiday. It's a journey of healing that can take a long time to travel and our desire is to walk alongside family and friends by preparing them for the journey.

A personalized Christmas ornament will be presented and hung on the tree in honor of the loved one and then given to the family as a way to encourage them on their journey.

If anyone would be interested in helping to serve as Greeters or to help with the distribution / hanging of the ornaments, please talk to Pastor Jim or Pam North. Coming together as a faith community to assist with those who have lost a loved one is just one way of letting people know that they are not traveling the journey alone and that God and His church is walking with them. Join us!

THANK YOU'S



To My St. Peter's Family,

Thank you so much for the patriotic throw you sent for dad's funeral. He was a veteran, extremely patriotic and loved his country more than words can say. Your thoughtfulness and kindness during this difficult time is so appreciated. I'm also thankful for the nice luncheon by the church ladies. The support from everyone has lifted me up. God Bless you all!

Love,

Jennifer Cleland

Thanks to our generous congregation,

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the various outreaches that we have had recently. We have collected items for the Harmony Fire District Auxiliary, The Butler VA Hospital, our Harvest Home food drive for the Butler County Food Cupboard, and our ongoing 'Feed My Sheep' winter clothing drive. This has made for a busy season of giving in September and October, but all of the recipients of our collective generosity have been very appreciative. So many of you always rise to the occasion of helping others when there is a need you can meet - God bless you all!



Community Fellowship Dinner

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

THE GREATEST AMONG YOU MUST BE A SERVANT.

MATTHEW 23:11 NLT

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Community Dinner Friday, November 9, 2018

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Menu is: Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Corn, Coleslaw, Desserts and Beverages

## CONSISTORY UPDATE

- Summer of 2019 Youth Group Mission Trip – The Cross in Erie, Pennsylvania
- Annual Bereavement Service will be held Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
- Deacons reviewing budgetary requirements for 2019
- Church Plant & Rescue (CPR) Ministry distributed:

\$5000 to the Berean Bible Chapel of Butler for their building fund  
\$5000 to The Cross in Erie, Pennsylvania for their outreach ministries

- Dissolved the Long-Range Planning Committee; Long Range Planning is to be included as an objective of the current Strategic Planning Subcommittees

If you have any questions, please contact me at 724-316-0676 or via email at [wgrubbs@p-r-i.org](mailto:wgrubbs@p-r-i.org).

Thank you,  
Wendy Grubbs  
Consistory Secretary

## Volunteer Usher Ministry

We are looking for folks interested in being put on a list of volunteers to conduct Usher duties during a St. Peter's church service beginning January 2019.

This list of volunteers would be provided to the Head Usher (Consistory Member) who would contact potential volunteers to usher for a specific Sunday or special church service. You can volunteer for one Sunday or for a month of Sundays.

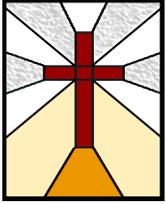
Duties include:

- Opportunities for both the regular services and any special service
- Distribute bulletins and greet entering worshipers
- Provide assistance, if needed, for those entering or exiting the church
- Assist those arriving late to open seats
- Collect offering
- Arrive one-half hour prior to church service

A half hour training session for all volunteers would be conducted once the volunteer list is developed.

So, if you have a welcoming smile and the willingness to volunteer, please drop a note in the offering plate or in the "Compliments and Concerns Box" near the back entrance of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Grubbs at 724/316-0676 or via email at [wgrubbs@p-r-i.org](mailto:wgrubbs@p-r-i.org).



## SOUTHWEST BUTLER FOOD CUPBOARD

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Website: [www.swbfoodcupboard.org](http://www.swbfoodcupboard.org)

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Thank you to everyone that made October's food distribution plentiful. As we approach Thanksgiving, we have some specific food needs, in addition to our regular needs, for November. The Southwest Butler Food Cupboard is gearing up for the Holiday season. It is our busiest time of the year. The number of people needing food always increases around this time. Keeping that in mind, below is a list of food needs for November. Please help us get the word out.

Instant Mashed Potatoes	Pasta
Canned vegetables	Spaghetti sauce
Cornbread mix	Mac & Cheese
Dessert mix	Juice
Canned gravy	Helper Meals
Salad dressings	Egg noodles
Pancake mix	Soup
Syrup	Canned chili
Cereal	Peanut butter
Canned fruit	Jelly
Rice/Pasta sides	Stuffing Mix
Canned chicken	Sloppy Joe mix
Tuna	Rice
Chef Boyardee	Toiletries

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Southwest Butler Food Cupboard.

Blessings,
Sharon Klaiber, LPC NCC



Volunteer Ministry News

From the pen of Pam



SPOTLIGHT ON: 'WE CARE' and 'PAIR, CARE, AND SHARE'

'WE CARE' IN THE NEWS

From Sally Hamilton:

The first week of October, our 'We Care' Ministry visited the homebound members of St. Peter's, bringing them a little bag of goodies. Many thanks to Sue Frankenstein for making cards for each recipient, and to Kids' Church for doing a craft which was included in the bags. Also included were an eyeglass case made by Dorcas Circle and, of course, a little Halloween candy. The volunteers who visited this month were: Dick and Cathy Powell, Al and Bea Barna, Cath Rape and Suzie Rape, Thelma Jacobs, Debbie Kirsch, Ginni Smoke, Sharon McCormick, Harold Herr, Judy Williams, Catherine Thornberry, Sandy Lee, Gary Knauff, Pam North, and Sally Hamilton. If anyone would like to join our visiting team, please see or call Sally Hamilton at 724-822-4530 or 724-538-3512.

'PAIR, CARE, AND SHARE' FELLOWSHIP CHANGES

From Pam:

Our 'Pair, Care, and Share' Fellowship began some years ago as an opportunity to have each of our widows partnered with one of the women who wanted to be part of this ministry group. The 'partnership' included anything from sending cards, checking in by phone, helping them out in whatever way might be needed, picking them up for church events, and/or even taking them out for lunch or some other event. The most important part of the partnership has always been to support each of our widows in prayer. My initial goal was also to provide two or three yearly fellowshiping events for the entire group (one of which being the annual Widows' Tea begun by Bea Barna), where we would come together for a meal and a program of some sort. This has worked to be a wonderful structure of support for our widows that has been blessed by the Lord, but recently He has compelled me to change things up a bit. There are still some 'official' widows and partners, but I want to invite any of the women in our church who would like to be involved in the Fellowship to let me know (see me or call the office at 724-452-8120) and your involvement can be as simple as picking up one of our Widows' lists at the Welcome Center and then reaching out to any of our widows in any of the ways that I have listed above (I would also keep you informed as to when any of our group events would be taking place.) I look forward to this group expanding as we follow the mandate of caring for our widows as expressed in Acts 6 and James 1, and I believe that God is certain to be pleased with our efforts!

As I was putting together the Pair, Care, and Share' blurb and then reading Sally's 'We Care' article, I was reminded of something Sally wrote to the 'We Care' volunteers in 2017 - I think what she wrote applies very well to both of these ministries and actually shows that all of the membership at St. Peter's can be a part of these important outreaches (and just for clarification, you can pick up a copy of our 'We Care' shut-ins and seniors at home list also at the Welcome Center). Here, in Sally's words: "Other than the group visits, you can also remember any of the 'We Care' folks by:

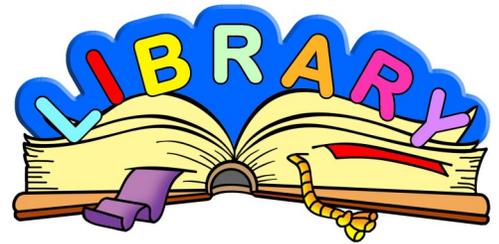
1. Establishing a personal relationship with them.
2. Include them in your prayers.
3. Visit them as often as you can - it is good to call ahead to let them know you are coming.
4. Send greeting cards on special occasions and holidays.
5. If possible, check to see if they need anything in which the church or you can help."

Please consider doing what you can for these important members of our church, and I can tell you that the Lord will be pleased with your efforts and your service to Him as you serve others!

Speaking of the Widows' Tea/Luncheon, this year's event was held on October 13th, and in addition to having a delicious meal together, the ladies also enjoyed a wonderful musical program presented by both of the Fantastix Show Choirs under the direction of Mary Ann Mangini. Special thanks goes to Tim McMaster for taking care of all of the choirs' sound system needs, and also to Marla Clouse, Lynn Meyers, Bea Barna, Sally Hamilton, Ruth Gross, Debbie Evans-Kanell, Sandy Lee, and Amanda Heilman for helping with the luncheon.

Library Highlights for November - READ All About It!!

I am starting this month's review with a meaningful quote from former President Ronald Reagan (I'm not sure when he made this statement, but the sentiment is just as meaningful today as it was when he first spoke these words). Here it is: "So long as books are kept open, then minds can never be closed." So please read on to see what is new in the church library for this month that will fill your mind with the things of the Lord!



Three fiction finds from some delightful authors and synopses from their back covers:

- 1) **"Freedom's Light"** by Colleen Coble - 'Hannah Thomas believes she's escaped Galen Wright's evil intentions by marrying an older lighthouse keeper. Seemingly safe in faraway Massachusetts, her world is upended when her husband John is killed in one of the first battles of the Revolutionary War. Hannah is allowed to continue the difficult task of tending the twin lighthouses in John's place, though she faces daily disapproval from John's family. She thinks her loneliness will subside when her younger sister arrives, but she finds Lydia's obsession with Galen only escalates the dangerous tides swirling around her. A stormy night brings a shipwrecked sea captain to Hannah's door, and though he is a Tory, her heart is as traitorous as the dark-eyed captain. Even though she discovers Birch Meredith isn't the enemy he seemed at first, Hannah isn't sure their love will ever see the light of freedom.'
- 2) **"The Accidental Guardian"** by Mary Connealy - 'When Trace Riley finds the smoldering ruins of a small wagon train, he recognizes an attack by the same group who left him as sole survivor years ago. Living off the wilderness since then, he's finally carved out a home and started a herd while serving as a self-appointed guardian of the trail. He'd hoped the days of driving off dangerous men were over, but the latest attack shows otherwise. Deborah Harkness saved her younger sister and two toddlers during the attack, and now finds herself at the mercy of her rescuer. Trace becomes an accidental guardian when he offers the only shelter for miles around and agrees to take them in until they can safely continue their journey. His simple bachelor existence never anticipated kids and women in the picture and their arrival is unsettling - yet enticing. Trace and Deborah find themselves drawing ever closer as they work together to bring justice to the trail and help the group survive the winter, but every day closer to spring means a day closer to leaving the mountains forever.'
- 3) **"The Daughter of Highland Hall"** by Carrie Turansky - 'Strong-willed and beautiful, debutante Katherine Ramsey feels ready to take the London social season by storm and she must. Her family estate, Highland Hall, has been passed to older male cousin Sir William Ramsey, and her only means of securing her future is to make a strong debut and find a proper husband. With her all-knowing and meddling aunt as a guide, Katherine is certain to attract suitors at the lavish gatherings sparkling with Great Britain's elite. When a shocking family scandal sidelines Katherine, forcing her out of the social spotlight, she keeps a low profile, volunteering with the poor in London's East End. Here Katherine feels free from her predictable future, and even more so as a friendship with medical student Jonathan Foster deepens and her faith in God grows. But when Katherine is courted anew by a man of wealth and position, dreams of the life she always thought she wanted surface again. Torn between tradition and the stirrings in her heart for a different path, she must decide whom she can trust and love...and if she will choose a life of serving others over one where she is served.'

Two novels based on Biblical characters and their synopses from the book jackets:

- 1) **"I, Saul"** by Jerry Jenkins and James MacDonald - 'In present day Texas a young seminary professor, Augustine Knox, is drawn into a deadly race to save priceless parchments from antiquities thieves and discovers a two thousand year-old connection with another who faced death for the sake of the truth. "I, Saul" consists of two riveting adventures, one set in the time of Israel being aflame with passion, Rome being burned, and a murderer-turned-apostle straining against his chains in prison, desperate to share the Gospel one last time. The other is set two thousand years later as Knox, a modern-day seeker travels the globe to save his best friend's life and is drawn into

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS continued...

a search for that Saul's secret memoirs, which may have already fallen into the wrong hands. This novel transports you from the first century world of Saul, Luke, Timothy, and Mark to the life of a modern-day professor, who learns first-hand that God can turn anyone's life around.'

2) "**Lydia, Woman of Philippi**" by Diana Taylor - 'Smart, strong, and a follower of the Jewish God, Lydia has nonetheless always quietly conformed to the expectations of the wealthy Roman society surrounding her. Even though married off at fifteen to a man she dislikes, she is determined to be a faithful wife. But when her husband is killed some years later, Lydia vows never to re-marry and returns to her father's house in Thyatira with her twelve year-old daughter. There, a new life begins to emerge. As she is trained in the family dye business, Lydia's shrewd management quickly creates profit, prestige...and envy. At odds with her jealous brother, who is a staunch Roman and can't understand her obsession with the Jewish religion, Lydia finds herself yet again at the mercy of a patriarchal society. When her father suddenly dies, will fleeing to Philippi be enough to protect herself and those under her care? Will she keep her vow to widowhood when a handsome Greek God-fearer turns out to be more than just an employee? And when she meets a strange man named Paul the Apostle by the river one Sabbath day, will Lydia have the courage to once more let her life be dramatically changed - this time forever?'

Among these five books (and lots of others in the church library), there should be something to pique your interest and open your mind in a wonderfully stimulating way! At this season of Thanksgiving, I am thankful that St. Peter's has such a vast array of books and other materials for us all to take advantage of - and I am also thankful for all that Betty Nesbitt did to get the library up and running, for Sandy Nolte taking over when Betty retired, for Ruth Gross and Janet LaRocca as they continue to facilitate the running of the library on Sunday mornings (plus their oversight of the fiction section), and last, but not least, for all you faithful readers - without you, why would we need to have a library? Happy reading!!

P.S. Don't forget that Heather Zeigler has another book for the Book Club to read and then discuss on December 9th - if you want to participate, but didn't sign up to order your copy through the church, let Heather or Pam know and we can get you the ordering information. If you participate, you will really find "**A Christmas Secret**" a wonderful read for the Christmas season!

BOOK CLUB

A Christmas Secret by Katherine Spencer

A wonderful story brought to life just in time to get you ready for this Christmas season. A great reminder of the greatest legacy you can leave. The priceless lesson about giving from the heart.

Lunch and discussion on December 9th at 11:30.

To sign up for a copy for \$16.99, please see the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center. Any questions see Pam, Heather or Sheri

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Greetings,

As I type this I am on the first year anniversary as Christian Ed. Director. What a crazy ride it has been. We accomplished so much this last year with lots of new events/programs in the hopes of creating excitement/structure and growth. I believe we accomplished that and I know that makes the Lord smile. I look forward to my second year of serving HIM.

Please feel free to use the nursery during Sunday school hour as well as nursery during worship service for your little ones when needed. Jr. Church is available each Sunday for age 3 – 1st grade, please respect these guidelines. Bulletins will be available for the children each Sunday that follow the sermon topic. It's a great way for the kids to follow along, and feel part of the worship experience.

Many activities are planned for the Christian Education Dept. and we would love to see you involved with them all. Please continue to watch the calendar and announcements so you don't miss out.

Serving HIM together,

Heather

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY, WORSHIP NURSERY & JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Please remember to always clean up space after you are done on your assigned schedule. Place nursery items in bins/shelves. All Jr. Church supplies/material belong in the hallway closet, please do not leave lay on tables/desks in rooms. Jr. Church lesson will be emailed to you the week of your assigned date.

Switch among yourselves if the date assigned does not work with your schedule. We ALL need to keep this commitment, families are counting on you to show up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY

11/4 Jordan Caldwell	12/2 Clouse	
11/11 Jordan Caldwell	12/9 Fisher	
11/18 Jordan Caldwell	12/16 Caldwell	
11/25 Jordan Caldwell	12/23 Fogel	12/30 Zeigler

WORSHIP NURSERY

11/4 McMaster
11/11 Kraynik
11/18 Frederick
11/25 Caldwell

JR. CHURCH

11/4 Marley TEEN Sarah
11/11 Bichler TEEN Ethan
11/18 Pelletier and Maust TEEN Jenna
11/25 Crosson and Kniess TEEN Lucy

12/2 Hill
12/9 Bertoti
12/16 Bichler
12/23 J. Caldwell
12/30 NO NURSERY

12/2 Butcher and Williams TEEN Megan
12/9 Cogliano and Caldwell
12/16 Hill TEEN Gracen
12/23 McGuinness and Jacobs TEEN Liz
12/30 NO JR. CHURCH

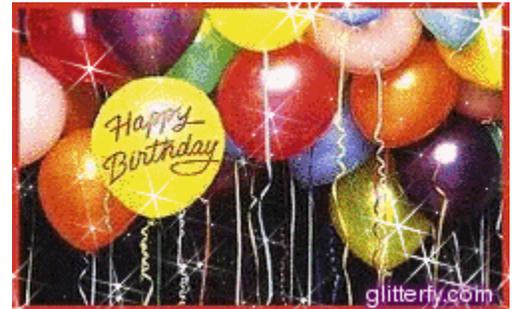
ALL SAINTS' DAY ~ Sunday, November 4th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, November 4, when we will commemorate the lives of our church family members and other loved ones who have gone home to be with the Lord through this past year. During our worship service we will also be recognizing our living St. Peter's saints who are 90 years of age and older.



Happy November Birthday to:

Joan Schiever ~ November 8 ~ 82 years young
Alvin Lighthiser ~ November 19 ~ 88 years young
Jean Wittenmeyer ~ November 23 ~ 84 years young
Ruth Thomas ~ November 24 ~ 88 years young
Dale Thomas ~ November 26 ~ 87 years young



Happy November Anniversary to:

Jim & Shirley Allmann ~ November 6 ~ 64 years

Happy Anniversary!



Women's Ministry News

Fire up your ovens, ladies, for our Fall Bake Sale on Sunday, November 11th in the Meet and Greet Area before and after church. We will set up for the Bake Sale on Saturday, November 10th. A brief meeting will be in the Fellowship Room at 10 am to designate the charity for the proceeds brought in from our bake sale and to plan for the upcoming year.

If you have any questions regarding our events please call me at 724-622-2264.

I look forward to serving others with you.

Blessings to you,
Marla Clouse



Mom 2 Mom Ministry ~ Save the Date Events

Attention all Mom's with children at home, we are looking for you to join Mom 2 Mom Ministry at the following activities this fall.

Sunday, November 25th Baking cookies for college students

Tuesday, December 18th Serving the Southwest Butler Food Cupboard

Details on each event will follow.

Please see Becky Bichler with any questions or contact her at becky.bichler@gmail.com or (724) 991-2442



ATTENTION PARENTS of COLLEGE STUDENTS!! The Mom to Mom Ministry would like to send your child some goodies this school year.

If you would like your child to receive a care package from us, please forward their mailing address to Becky Bichler at Becky.bichler@gmail.com

ATTENTION MEMBERS Mom to Mom Ministry is preparing to send care packages to the college students of the St. Peter's. We are accepting non-perishable food items (small snacks, candy, popcorn, etc.) and monetary donations to help with postage. We will be putting together the packages on November, 25th. Please bring your donations on or before the 25th.

Bakers, start your ovens... it's that time of year again!

St. Peter's Cookie collection-
SWEET BLESSINGS 2018

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, December 8th, from 9 am to Noon** to bring "**Sweet Blessings**" to others through fellowship and baking.

Volunteers are asked to bake their favorite cookies and donate them to our cookie collection. Several dozen cookies donated by each baker are greatly appreciated. The more cookies we receive, the more people we can reach out to with a little extra Christmas cheer!

In an effort to spread St. Peter's love to our neighbors, we will be packaging our collected cookies, giving them to Feed My Sheep Ministries, as well as our own church family shut-ins and other families in need.

Of course, if you know of anyone who could use some Sweet Blessings, please be sure to let us know and we will make certain that they are included.

We encourage you to invite your children to participate, too. Everyone loves goodies made by the hands of youngsters and who wouldn't love to be paid a visit by them with the delivery of some baked goodness.

If you're not a baker, we are accepting monetary donations to help cover the cost of packaging supplies.

Please see or contact Amy George at 724-816-7534 or amygeorge@zoominternet.net or Karen Thomas at 724-368-8474 or curlycues36@aol.com for more information.

With Sweet Blessings,
Amy George and Karen Thomas



FAMILY MOVIE/DINNER NITES

AUGUST 3rd ~ Paddington 2

SEPTEMBER ~ NO MOVIE

OCTOBER 5th ~ Woodlawn

NOVEMBER 2nd ~ Letters to God

DECEMBER ~ NO MOVIE

Come have dinner together as well as a movie. 6:00pm ALL are welcome



UGANDA MISSION TRIP

Greetings St. Peter's,

I want to fill you in on our upcoming Uganda mission trip and a few ways you could help us. We have purchased our tickets and have raised enough money to cover the expenses of the flight so far. Now we need our operating cost raised. We will be needing to raise about \$10,000 to make this a successful trip. As you might have heard, we will not be able to receive any money from the budget because we have moved our departure date to December 27. This was just an oversight in the planning, because technically we have already did a mission trip this year. Again, this was no fault of anyone's but our own for leaving in December and not January. The reason for this change was that we wanted to give the children of the Love and Care School a Christmas / New Year's party. We are asking you to help us in a few ways so that our trip can be as successful as the previous years. Here are a few ways you can help:

1. Attend our monthly dinners on the second Friday of each month.
2. Attend our big fundraiser dinner November 24th held at camp Kon-O-Kwee.
3. Send a monetary donation to the trip with Uganda Mission Trip as the recipient.
4. Most importantly, pray for our trip.

We have been working very hard to raise the funds so we can help change lives in Uganda. Ask any team member who has been there why it is important we keep going back. You will be amazed at what each person has to say.

There are a couple of other things we could use your help on, but for now the dinner at Kon-O-Kwee is the important one. If you came to the dinner last year you know what an event like this will be. First and foremost we need people to attend. The dinner will consist of an appetizer, soup, salad, entrée choice of Prime Rib or Cod Stuffed with Crabmeat, roasted sweet potato, medley of African vegetables and dessert. This is a reservations only dinner limited to 200 people. The cost is \$50 per person. There will be live entertainment and a great Chinese auction. This is our last big fundraiser of the year. We understand that the price could be a financial hardship for some or the menu might not appeal to you. For those people, we could use your help during the dinner. We will need kitchen help and servers. We will need a clean-up crew and someone to greet and seat people. All in all, we are asking for anyone to support this in anyway. We need you all to make this work. Next month in the newsletter we will provide you with all the details of our trip and what we intend to accomplish as a proud team from St. Peter's Reformed Church Zelienople. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call or email me.

Thank You and God Bless,
Randy Herbe
724-766-1029
rherbe@stpzelie.org



Youth Ministry Updates

As we prepare to enter the holiday season, I am encouraging all of our youth to take notice that the first holiday of the season is Thanksgiving (although many want to skip right to Christmas!). A time for us to slow down, to be with family, and of course to eat!

But more importantly, a time to reflect on all we have and praise God for all we have been blessed with. A time to focus on what we have, rather than what we want. Before the hustle and bustle of Christmas begins, I encourage you too to first give praise to Him for all of your wonderful blessings!

Save the Dates

Youth Sunday – December 9th

Mission Trip (Erie) – Sunday July 14th – Friday July 19th, 2019

Youth Fundraisers:

- Aunt Carol's Gourmet Dips – Orders and payment due Sunday November 18th.
- 2019 Wall Calendars with Scripture Verses - \$7 each. Will be available beginning December 2nd after church in Gathering Area

Coming up in November:

Youth Group:

- Mission Trip Info Meeting – Sunday November 4th, immediately following church in Youth Room
- Meetings (6-8pm) – 11/4 (dinner – Geis), 11/18 (dinner – Reynolds)
- Family Dinner Thursday 11/8 6:30-8pm – McMaster's House
- Bible Study (7-8pm) – 11/14 (Genesis 12-15), 11/28 (Genesis 16-19)
- IQ Escape Pittsburgh – 11/16 7pm, \$15 per student. RSVP and money due by 11/9

TNT:

- Aladdin – 11/10, 7:30pm @ SV IHS Auditorium
- Meetings (6:30-8pm) 11/12 (snack - Marley), 11/26 (snack – Tomo)

By His Grace,
Aubrey Rader, Director of Youth Ministries



**Prime Rib or
Stuffed Cod
Dinner**

**Live
Entertainment**

Chinese Auctions

**Send an Angel
project**

**Hosted by camp
Kon O Kwee**

RSVP BY 11/14/18

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NOVEMBER 24 2018 UGANDA MISSION DINNER

Join us for a fantastic evening of great food, excellent entertainment and many Chinese auction prizes. All held at the beautiful YMCA Camp Kon O Kwee, 126 Nagel Rd, Fombell, PA 16123



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sunday School 9:00am Worship 10:15am		Head Usher for November Cath Rape	1 11:30am Ministerium 5:30pm Video Announcements	2 6-9pm Family Dinner/Movie Night	3
4 9am Confirmation 11:30am Angels dance practice 11:30am Acapella Group practice 11:30am Mission Trip Mtg. ~ Youth Room 6-8pm Youth Group Mtg. ~ Youth Room	5 5:30pm AA Mtg. ~ Fellowship Rm. 6:30pm Ding-a- Lings bell practice ~ Bell Room 6:30pm Elder's Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg.	6 5:30pm COF Bell practice ~ Bell Room 7pm COF Choir practice ~ Fellowship Rm.	7 9am Prayer Group 7pm Choir practice ~ Sanctuary 7pm The Journey	8 5:30pm Video Announcements	9 5-6:30pm Community Dinner ~ Fellowship Rm.	10 10am Women's Ministry Mtg. ~ Fellowship Rm.
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25 11:30am Acapella Group practice 11:30-3pm Mom-2- Mom Ministry Baking Cookies	26 5:30pm AA Mtg. ~ Fellowship Rm. 6:30pm TNT Mtg. ~ Youth Room	27 1:30-3pm 500 Card Club 5:30pm COF Bell practice ~ Bell Room 7pm COF Choir practice ~ Fellowship Rm.	28 9am Prayer Group 4pm Feed My Sheep 7pm Choir practice ~ Sanctuary 7pm The Journey 7pm Youth Bible Study ~ Youth	29 5:30pm Video Announcements	30	