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# The Joyful Noiseletter



## Score with Jesus!

*"Friends, don't get me wrong: by no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back."* Philippians 3:13-14 MSG

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the fall season ... where has the time gone? My dad told me once when I was complaining about time not moving fast enough, he said, "Son, take it easy! The older you get, the quicker time goes!" As a teenager, that sounded like an old wives tale. But sweet Jesus, the older I get, the truer that statement becomes!

During these summer months, we have been putting our heads together in an effort to create an element of excitement in church, as well as springboard on the Strategic Planning Committee's work on moving our church forward. When I think of fall, my favorite season of the year, I think of crisp cool air, wearing sweatshirts, sitting by an open fire making s'mores, going on hayrides and of course—football! I know all too well, that Western Pennsylvania bleeds black and gold and I thought, what better time to 'kick-off' our fall campaign than to surround it with the theme—"Score with Jesus!" and football!

In the verse above, Paul is addressing the church at Philippi and encouraging them to stay focused on their faith in Jesus—for the goal is to win the prize that God has in store for us, and that prize is eternal life with Jesus! As I look at this verse and how it will apply to you and I as we venture into the fall season and getting back into the swing of being in church again, I see two things that will help us score:

### **Pursuing the Prize requires a Focused Concentration (vs. 13)**

According to John MacArthur, "a maximum effort without focused concentration is useless. Every athlete knows that they must fix their eyes ahead of them; those who watch the crowd or their own feet are likely to trip

and fall. To make a maximum effort in any athletic endeavor requires the participants to concentrate on a point straight ahead.” If we expect St. Peter’s to take the goals and action items suggested by the Strategic Planning Committee and score a win, we must be concentrating on what’s ahead of us. We cannot look back at the past, but must focus on what lies ahead. The challenges are great, but with renewed strength from God, we can accomplish anything.

### **Pursuing the Prize requires a Proper Motivation (Vs. 14)**

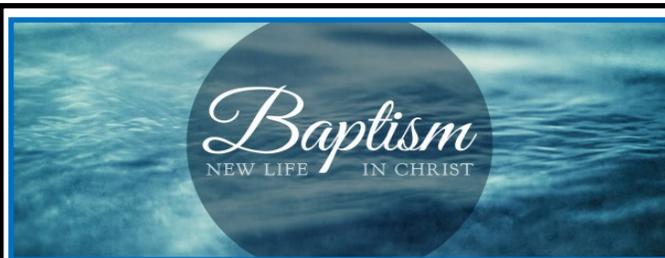
Paul’s phrase “I’m off and running and I’m not turning back” denotes a continuous effort to pursue the ‘impossible dream’ and defeat ‘the unbeatable foe.’ The prize is what motivates him and it should most assuredly motivate us too. Believers will not receive the prize until the beckoning onward from God ushers us into God’s glorious presence in heaven. The prize is Christ’s righteousness perfected in us and we must run for the prize so as to hear those wonderful words, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

“Scoring with Jesus” will be a way for us to examine and understand the value of St. Peter’s Vision Statement. Through the month of September, we will talk about how we can score, both individually and collectively, using our vision statement to make that happen. Our vision statement is “To be a community of faith, unified in love, showing Jesus to the world.” How are you at being a ‘team player?’ Are you helping St. Peter’s to be a ‘community of faith?’ Are you aiding in creating an environment of unity and love? Are you showing Jesus to the world, meaning are you sharing the good news of the gospel with those who need to hear it? When we get to heaven, God is not going to ask us how many degrees we have or how much money we accumulated or how many ‘toys’ we have. He is going to ask us, “Did you score with Jesus? What did you do with my Son?” It starts with us being a community of faith, unified in love and sharing Jesus. Seems simple doesn’t it? But sadly, the Church has been fumbling the ball!

Join us as we strive to win the ‘prize’ and realize how we can be a part of the team!

Pressing on with you,

Pastor Jim



*Baptism Service*

*At*

*Moraine State Park: North Shore*

*September 16th, 2018*

*4:00 p.m.*

*If you are interested in dedicating your life to Jesus by making a public profession of faith and be baptized, talk to Pastor Jim.*

*I encourage all St. Peter’s members to come and support your brothers and sisters in Christ at this life changing event!*

# September 9th is Rally Day!

## “Score with Jesus”

*“I press on toward the goal to win the prize ...” Philippians 3:14*

In cooperation with the Strategic Planning Committee, our Fall Theme / Kick-off is “Score with Jesus”. During the month of September we will be looking at our Vision Statement to determine how we can catch the “Spirit” and Score BIG with Jesus. Join us for Sunday School and Worship. Be sure to get your “Score with Jesus” T-shirts and wear them that morning to show your Christian Spirit!

Adult T-Shirts (S– XXL)     \$ 8.00

Kids T-Shirts (S-XL)         \$ 8.00

We have limited amounts of t-shirts left, please see Sheri in the Meet n’ Greet area on Sunday. I can just see a Sea of Blue T-Shirts in our Sanctuary that morning as we praise God for His continual love and blessings on our church.



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## *Coaches Corner*

As our way of keeping the congregation informed, the Coaches of the various Strategic Planning Teams will filter information to you via the newsletter and bulletin to keep the congregation up-to-date as to what is happening on and off the field. Each team has been challenged with a GOAL and STRATEGIES with ACTION ITEMS to insure that we “Score with Jesus.”

Listed for you are the various ‘special teams’ with their goal. If you have any questions or input, please see the coach:

<b>WORSHIP:</b>	Create a unified vision for worship. Coaches Dick Williams & Scott McMaster
<b>YOUTH :</b>	Create a safe and fun environment to foster relationship and grow in their faith. Coach Aubrey Rader
<b>CHRISTIAN ED:</b>	Create a program that will enhance the teaching of all ages in the Christian faith. Coaches Heather Zeigler & Pete Butcher
<b>STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS:</b>	Create opportunities for people to become more engaged and connected. Coach Bill Allmann
<b>FACILITY USE:</b>	Create opportunities for our church to be used to serve our members and the Community. Coach—TBA

Each of these teams will be following their ‘game plan’ to look for ways to make involvement in ministry exciting. They will be ‘huddling up’ and keeping prayer as a priority. They will not get hung up on ‘fumbles’ or ‘losses’, but will look for every opportunity to ‘score’ and prepare our church for ‘victory!’

If you would like to be a player on any of these teams, please contact the respective coaches and see how you can be a part of a winning team who is committed to fulfilling the vision of St. Peter’s by being a ‘Community of Faith, Unified in Love, and Sharing Jesus with the World.’ Let’s Score with Jesus!



# Community Fellowship Dinner

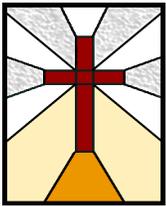
*Jesus didn't come to be served, HE came to SERVE.*

THE GREATEST AMONG YOU MUST BE A SERVANT.

MATTHEW 23:11 NLT

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**Friday, September 14th ~ 5:00-6:30pm** in our Fellowship Room

September's menu: Baked Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,  
Vegetable, Drinks and Desserts.



## SOUTHWEST BUTLER FOOD CUPBOARD

557 Perry Highway

Harmony, PA 16037

Phone: 724.453.4184

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

The kids are back to school and pretty soon the weather will begin to get cooler. The Southwest Butler Food Cupboard is sensitive to the needs of our community during the Fall and Winter months.

Below is a list of needs for September...

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Canned Fruit     | Ready-To-Eat Soup                 |
| Oatmeal          | Read-To-Eat Pasta (Chef Boyardee) |
| Condensed Soup   | Jello/Pudding mix                 |
| Rice             | Dessert mixes                     |
| Pasta            | Sloppy Joe mix                    |
| Pasta sauce      | Taco kits                         |
| Rice/pasta sides | Canned vegetables                 |
| Jelly            | Canned tuna                       |
| Pancake mix      | Canned chicken                    |
| Cereal           |                                   |

Thank you and God bless.

Sharon Klaiber



# Volunteer Ministry News

## *From the pen of Pam*



**Spotlight on: A NEW ministry and also a NOT-SO-NEW ministry!**

### **THE NEW ONE**

Catherine Thornberry, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, has developed a ministry opportunity for many of us to receive a blessing from if we so choose. This ministry certainly falls into the category of providing both comfort and uplifting, so please read about the benefits of '10:17' that Catherine has written about. We thank her for sharing her brainchild with our St. Peter's family!

#### **10:17 MINISTRY "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17**

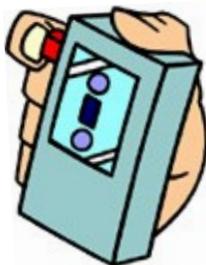
The purpose of this new ministry is to help each one of us with our thought life. The Bible instructs us to order our thoughts but this is not easy to do especially during difficult times, when we're not feeling well, or during bouts of depression or sleeplessness.

The goal is to help to overcome negative thinking and anxious thoughts. The best part is that it is effortless and God's Spirit does the work! Here is how it works:

1. Together we will collect Bible verses, words to hymns and other Biblical writings that you like.
2. You will record these words onto a small, inexpensive hand-held digital recorder. They cost approximately \$30 or one can be provided to you.
3. You listen to the recording and let God's Word bathe your brain with His Love. "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2
4. You can also make a recording for a loved one.

"By the Word of the Lord the Heavens were made." Psalm 33:6. We can empower our thoughts with the same Word that created the Universe and raised Jesus from the dead! Please contact me if you want to make your own unique recording.

In Jesus Love,  
Catherine Thornberry  
[CatherineT0707@gmail.com](mailto:CatherineT0707@gmail.com)  
724.513.2650



### **THE NOT-SO-NEW ONE** **DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS**

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Betty Lighthiser for her leadership of the Dorcas Circle for the past ten years or so. Betty was one of the original members of our sewing group and, as leader, she has kept the group's original desire to make comfort items, both for members of our church family as well as many different people and groups outside of St. Peter's walls, the focal point of the ministry. The work of the Dorcas Circle has been a blessing to countless numbers of people through the years and Betty's faithful leadership has been a major part of the reason why that is so. Recently Betty decided that she needed to step down from her role as leader, but the first piece of good news is that she will remain one of the members, and the second piece of good news is that Janice Norris has accepted the position of leader. Janice and her husband Rich have been at St. Peter's for the past several years and as a member of Dorcas Circle she has contributed some great ideas for new projects as well as being a very hard worker in the ministry. We are grateful that under Janice's leadership, this meaningful ministry will continue on in its goal of bringing a bit of God's love in the form of beautifully handcrafted items to some of 'the least, the lost, and the lonely' who are in our midst!

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY NEWS continued...

### VOLUNTEER MINISTRY SIGN-UPS

Last month I wrote that in September we would be having sign-ups for our volunteer ministries, so this is just a reminder that the lists will be available in the Gathering Area beginning on September 9th through September 23rd. My prayer is that many of you who are not currently part of any of our ministries are thinking of becoming a member of one (or more) of our service or worship ministries. Listed below are the names of our ministries and the leaders of each, and please feel free to see me in the Gathering area on September 9th, 16th, and 23rd if you have any questions or if you would like to have me put you in touch with a particular ministry leader. And by the way, the answer to last month's question: "What's missing in the following word - VOLNTEER?" is **U** - just know that we really need **U** to join us!!!!

| MINISTRY NAME              | LEADER (or LEADERS)               |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Angels of Praise           | Emily Bertoti                     |
| Ding-a-Lings               | Kendra Bertoti                    |
| Senior Choir               | (contact Pam North or Pastor Jim) |
| Sound System/Tech Team     | Scott McMaster/Eddie Crosson      |
| Brother-2-Brother Ministry | Pastor Jim/Randy Herbe            |
| Caps for Kids              | Ruth Gross                        |
| Dorcas Circle              | Janice Norris                     |
| Feed My Sheep              | Frank Gould/Randy Herbe           |
| Funeral Luncheons          | Judy Double                       |
| Intercessory Prayer        | Bea Barna                         |
| Mom-2-Mom Ministry         | Becky Bichler                     |
| Monthly Community Dinners  | Randy Herbe                       |
| Parking Lot Greeters       | Lynn and Rick Meyers              |
| We Care                    | Sally Hamilton                    |
| Women's Ministry           | 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.

Friday, September 28th Mom's Night Out Dinner

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin patch fun with the kids

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> Baking cookies for college students

Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:becky.bichler@gmail.com) or (724) 991-2442

## Women's Ministry News

Women's Ministry Project during the summer months was collecting purses and practical items for VOICe (Victims Outreach Intervention Center). What can I say but "WOW"!! We had over 70 purses donated and a great supply of items to place in the purses! A huge thank you to all who donated purses and supplies for this project, and to the Dorcas Circle for sewing beautiful glass cases for us to add to the purses. I know that these purses will be a true blessing to the women, and young girls receiving them. Thank you to Sally Hamilton for delivering the purses on the donation day, August 30th.

**Saturday, September 8th** is our "Mini" Retreat Day in the Fellowship Room starting at 9 am with a continental breakfast, followed by a time of fellowship and 2 DVD Bible studies on the spiritual lessons learned from Esther and Anna. A salad luncheon at 12 noon will conclude our time together. There is no charge for attending but please sign-up on the sheet at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend so we know how many to plan for and note if you have any dietary restrictions. This will be a great time to come together and to get to know one another better.

Looking ahead at our plans for October and November:

**October 13:** We will be assisting with the food for the Widow's Luncheon.

**October 27:** We will be providing a dinner meal and a time of socializing with the women of Bethlehem Haven, a women's shelter in Pittsburgh. We will be serving Sloppy Joe sandwiches, scalloped potatoes, green vegetable, and cookies. Please let Marla Clouse or Pam North know if you are interested in attending and if you are able to make something for the meal. Details will follow for time leaving St. Peter's.

**November 11:** Will be a Fall Bake Sale in the Meet and Greet Area before and after church. Set up for the bake sale will be on **Saturday, November 10th** at 10 am. It has not been determined at this time to which charity the money received will go to.

I look forward to working with you as we serve others, being the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christian love,  
Marla Clouse



Dear Youth Group,

Many thanks to our youth group for helping to spread mulch in our garden. It turned out great and we appreciated their help very much! We all had a cool drink and snacks and admired the successful outcome!



Sincerely,  
Catherine and Ed Barth

Dear "We Care" Group,

I would like to take this time to express to you how much your visits mean to my family. The fact that you take time to visit my father, Harvey Rice, and mother, Donna Rice and my brother-in-law's mother, Evelyn Lutz brighten their days. May God bless you in your ministry to the shut-ins and elderly.

Thanks,  
Debra Shreve

Dear St. Peter's Church,

Thank you for the summer camp donation to help us attend Camp Lutherlyn. We had a great week!

Sincerely,  
Kaitie and Ben Leseman

Dear St. Peter's Family,

Thank you to everyone who sent cards of congratulations and best wishes to us on our 50th wedding anniversary. Your expression of friendship and love meant a lot to us. Thank you again.

Love in Christ,  
George and Frankie Metropoulos

Dear Youth Group,

Once again, we owe a gratitude of thanks to Tyler Flood and Ethan McMaster who came to our house and stacked wood for our fireplace. As we said before, all you have to do is ask and they will be happy to help.

Thanks again boys,  
Joanne and Buck Majors

Dear St. Peter's Choir,

I want to thank you so much for the generous contribution in Greg's name to the Colorectal Cancer Alliance. Love to each of my choir family.

Sincerely,  
Thelma Jacobs & Family

Dear St. Peter's,

Thank you for the 23rd Psalm blanket memorial for Thelma. It was her favorite Bible verse.

Sincerely,  
The Family of Thelma Hawk

## Youth Ministry Updates

How can it be September already? It seems as though we were just celebrating the end of the school year and now here we are preparing for another to begin. The youth ministries of St. Peter's have surely stayed busy all summer and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead! In TNT, we will be studying prayer – what is it, how do we do it, when do we do it, and what is The Lord's Prayer? Youth Group will be following along with PJ's "Scoring with Jesus" sermon series and will explore some major characters from Genesis. And Bible Study will be diving deeper into the specific scripture verses from PJ's Genesis series.

As our youth prepare for the upcoming year and return to school, let us pray that they remember what scripture tells us in 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't 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."

### Coming up in September:

**PARENT MEETING – Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Youth Room**  
(For parents with students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, students welcome to attend.)

### Youth Group:

Meeting Sunday 9/9 6-8pm (dinner provided)  
Dinner Thursday 9/13 – place and time TBD  
Rafting Trip Saturday 9/15 leave church at 8am, cost \$5  
Bible Study Wednesday 9/19 7-8pm  
Lock-In 7pm Friday 9/21 – 9am Saturday 9/22 at Church  
Outing Tuesday 9/25 7pm, location TBD

### TNT:

Event Friday 9/7, details TBD  
Meeting Monday 9/17, 6:30-8pm

By His Grace,  
Aubrey Rader, Director of Youth Ministries



**SMALL GROUP STUDY:** Starting on **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm, Cath Rape will host at her home a small group study titled, "How Great is Our God". Presented and written by Swindoll, there will be a short time of audio (CD) instruction and then we will work from a study guide. Approximate time will be 1 ½ hours. Please call Cath Rape at (724) 452-4936 if you have any questions or plan to join!

## New in the Church Library



## LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER— READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Before listing what's new in the church library this month, I want to extend my thanks to Ruth Gross and Janet LaRocca, both of whom continue to help facilitate and promote the library in many ways! One of the things that happened this summer was that Janet took the time to reorganize the fiction section and in the process, streamlined the way to locate the books that we have. The books are still shelved alphabetically according to the author's last name, but as you enter the church office and look at the shelves, you will now find the A's starting at the top left side and you can follow accordingly on the second shelf - then as you then go around to the other side of the bookshelves, the alphabet order continues in the same way from left to right. Everyone who uses the library will appreciate Janet's efforts to make the fiction section a bit more 'user-friendly.' Remember, too, that both Ruth and Janet are familiar with most of the books we have in the fiction section, and they always come up with great recommendations!!

The first two new books that I want to preview this month are non-fiction and are written by two favorite authors. **"The Gospel According to God"** is the newest published book from John MacArthur, and the book's sub-title is: **"Rediscovering the Most Remarkable Chapter in the Old Testament"**. In MacArthur's estimation, that chapter is Isaiah 53. Here is what the book jacket says: 'Often hailed as one of the greatest chapters in the Bible, the prophecy of the suffering servant in Isaiah 53 foretells the crucifixion of Jesus, the central event in God's ultimate plan to redeem the world. This book explains the prophetic words of Isaiah 53 verse by verse, highlighting important connections to the history of Israel and to the New Testament and ultimately showing us how this ancient prophecy illuminates essential truths that undergird our lives today.' This will be a great read for all those who desire to know more about Jesus being the fulfillment of all that was prophesied in the Old Testament.

Beloved author Max Lucado has written with the exciting title of **"Glory Days - Living Your Promised Land Life Now."** The blurb on the book jacket states: 'God has a Promised Land for you to claim. Maybe you're feeling a little stuck or caught in a rut. You're fighting the same battles and facing the same temptations. You're wondering if this is as good as the Christian life gets? There's good news - you were made for more. You were made for Glory Days! In God's plan, in God's land, you win more often than you lose, forgive as quickly as you are offended, and give as abundantly as you receive. You may stumble, but you will not collapse. You may struggle, but you'll defy despair. You will enjoy abundant fruit and increasing faith. With God's help, you can close the gap between the person you are and the person you want to be. These are the Glory Days! Your past is past, your future is bright. God's promises are true and His Word is sure. With God as your helper, you will be all He wants you to be, do all that He wants you to do, and receive all He wants you to receive. These are the Glory Days!'

In the fiction realm this month are the second and third novels in the Memphis Cold Case series, written by Patricia Bradley. **"Justice Buried"** is the sequel to **"Justice Delayed"** and is equally exciting. Here's the book jacket blurb: 'In an effort to get her security consulting business off the ground, Kelsey Allen has been spending a lot of time up in the air, rappelling down buildings and climbing through windows to show business owners their vulnerabilities to thieves. When she is hired to pose as a conservator at the Pink Palace Museum in order to test their security weaknesses after some artifacts go missing, she's ecstatic. But when her investigative focus turns from theft to murder, Kelsey knows she's out of her league - and possibly in the cross hairs. When blast-from-the-past Detective Brad Hollister is called in to investigate, Kelsey may find that he's the biggest security threat yet...to her heart!'

The third novel in the series is titled **"Justice Betrayed"** and the book jacket states the following: 'It's Elvis Week in Memphis, and homicide detective Rachel Sloan isn't sure her day could get any stranger when aging Elvis impersonator Vic Vegas asks to see her. But when he produces a photo of her murdered mother with four Elvis impersonators - one of whom had also been murdered soon after the photo was taken - she's forced to reevaluate. Is there some connection between the two unsolved cases? And could the recent break-in at Vic's home be tied to his obsession with finding his friend's killer? When yet another person in the photo is murdered, Rachel suddenly has her hands full investigating three cases. Lieutenant Boone Callahan offers his help, but their checkered romantic past threatens to get in the way. Can they solve the cases before the murderer makes Rachel victim number four?'

## LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS continued...

I'll close this month with two previews of movies that have been released within the past year - these are great additions to our growing DVD collection in the library. We now have **"I Can Only Imagine,"** which many of you might have been able to see in the area theaters where it was shown some months ago. The back cover has this synopsis: 'Dennis Quaid and Trace Adkins star in this inspiring true story behind MercyMe's beloved hit song. Running from a troubled home life and a broken relationship, Bart Millard (J. Michael Finley) found escape in music. Hitting the road in a decrepit tour bus, Bart and his band MercyMe set out on an amazing journey none of them could have ever imagined, in this uplifting, music-filled movie that beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's love.'

Equally gripping, but less well-known, is the movie **"Let There Be Light,"** a wonderful story of redemption and the everlasting love of the Lord. Here is the blurb from the cover: 'World-famous atheist Dr. Sol Harkens (Kevin Sorbo) delights in debating and defeating Christians, but is emotionally empty. Isolated from Katy (Sam Sorbo), the wife he divorced following the harrowing loss of their first son, and a lousy part-time dad to their two younger boys, his self-destruction culminates in a car crash that leaves him clinically dead for four minutes. The four-word message from that experience challenges his convictions, sending him into a panicked tailspin. Reluctantly leaning on his family's forgiveness, love and faith, Sol struggles to find meaning and purpose in the words LET THERE BE LIGHT.' I can also add from personal experience that even with its somewhat surprising ending, you will be both blessed and touched when you watch this movie.

As you can see, this month's previews offer a lot to both read and see, so why don't you stop in at the library and check things out?! Happy September to all you bookworms and movie buffs!!

## *Happy September Birthday to:*

*Evelyn Lutz ~ September 4 ~ 86 years young*

*Shirley McWithey ~ September 4 ~ 92 years young*

*Darla Herr ~ September 14 ~ 80 years young*

*Dorothy Knauf ~ September 30 ~ 95 years young*



## *Happy September Anniversary to:*

*Gene & Sandy Lee ~ September 1 ~ 56 years*

*Bob & Sandy Nolte ~ September 9 ~ 57 years*

*Charles & Annabelle Davey ~ September 21 ~ 69 years*



## WORLDWIDE COMMUNION ~ OCTOBER 7TH

Our Worldwide Communion offering on October 7th will be designated for Imani Christian Academy which was founded in 1993 and is located in the East Hills of Pittsburgh. Our offering will be used to help in the renovation/rebuild of the school's playground, which has been unsafe and basically not able to be used by the children for quite some time. Please read the information below to learn more about the Academy.



Imani Christian Academy is a private Pre-K through 12 school in the East Hills, serving approximately 220 children from 12 school districts in Allegheny County. While open to all students, most are African American inner-city youth. Many come from single-parent homes, or are being raised by relatives. Many children who attend Imani have been proximate to drugs, they have witnessed violence, they have experienced neglect, and they have watched as others in their community are swallowed up by persistent cycle of poverty. Without Imani's intervention, many would become negative statistics. The Academy works to transform the lives of inner-city youth by improving their literacy and academic skills, teaching self-discipline, and developing their self-esteem and character, and they do so in the belief that all children are precious gifts from God. Each year, a majority of the students enrolled in the school graduate and many of them go on to attend four year colleges, vocational schools, or they enlist in the military.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY, WORSHIP NURSERY & JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 9/16 Jordan Caldwell      | 10/7 GeorgAnn Fogel    |
| 9/23 Catherine Thornberry | 10/14 Erin Palmer      |
| 9/30 Laura Fisher         | 10/21 Becky Bichler    |
|                           | 10/28 Morreen Galletta |

### WORSHIP NURSERY

9/2 Bichler  
9/9 Hill  
9/16 Rader  
9/23 Bertoti  
9/30 Jacobs

10/7 Marley  
10/14 Heilman  
10/21 Cogliano  
10/28 Zeigler

### JR. CHURCH

9/2 Kraynik TEEN Ethan  
9/9 Maust TEEN Jenna  
9/16 Crosson and Zalar TEEN Lucy  
9/23 McGuinness and Butcher TEEN Megan  
9/30 Kniess and Geis TEEN Carly

10/7 E. Bertoti and Konyak TEEN Gracen  
10/14 Zeigler  
10/21 Hill and K. Bertoti TEEN Colten  
10/28 Heilman TEEN Holly

## **FAMILY MOVIE/DINNER NITES**

**AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Paddington 2**

SEPTEMBER ~ NO MOVIE

OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Woodlawn

NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Letters to God

DECEMBER ~ NO MOVIE

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



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Hello St. Peter's,

WOW! What a ride VBS was this year. If I learned anything, it was that prayer works. My prayer was for 90 kids and He sent me 117 to our door step. What a wonderful week together with Park Church as well as having the opportunity to show the children God's love.

117 kids registered  
109 was our highest night for attendance  
37 from St. Peter's  
19 from Park  
45 from invitations of members  
16 from the outside  
50-60 volunteers a night

We ended with a surplus of \$1,200. We also raised \$200 for Allegheny Aquatic Alliance as well as all the perishable items. God truly blessed us! We have plans already to merge again next year with Park.

RALLY SUNDAY is on 9/9 at 9:00 a.m. Please come for a hot breakfast, as well as, a skit and meet your teacher. ALL ARE INVITED! There are many classes available and we would love to have new faces. Check out all the different classes available at our Welcome Center or see me.

The Christian Ed. Department is going to have a car cruise on Sunday, 9/30 from 3-7pm. This is just another way to bring the public to our doors. The Uganda Mission Trip Group will be serving food to raise money for their next trip. We would love to see you.

Dinner/Movie nights will continue this fall. We have had a good turn out this summer. August's movie brought 28 people and 8 were from the public. It's a great way to share a meal, fellowship and popcorn!

Please always remember we have Sunday school nursery, worship nursery and Jr. Church available. We also are always looking for volunteers or simply substitutes when needed.

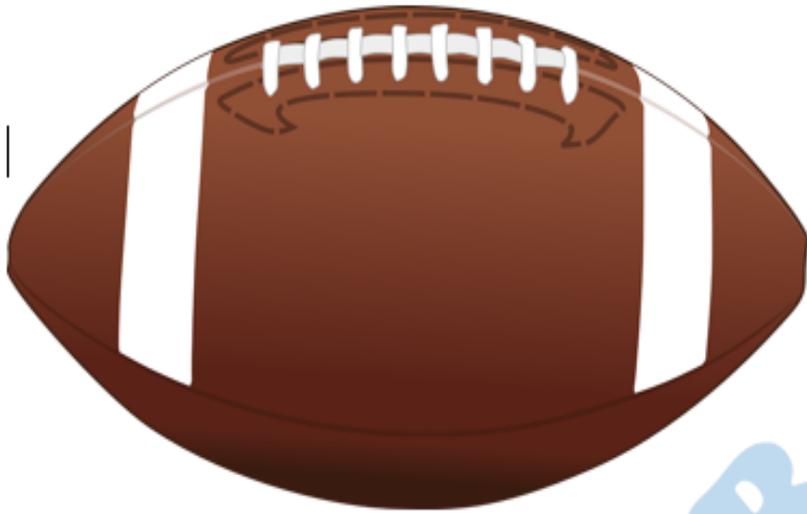
Serving HIM together,  
Heather Zeigler

**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**



"Train up a child in the way he should go,  
And when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6

*Rally Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>*



**SCORE FOR JESUS**

Be part of God's play book

September 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00

Hot Breakfast, Skit, Fellowship

# St. Peters Reformed Church



## CAR & BIKE SHOW

320 E. Grandview Ave. Zelienople Pa

**Sunday September 30th**

# 1st Annual

**3:00 - 7:00 PM FOOD MUSIC FELLOWSHIP  
FOOD PROCEEDS GO TOWARD MISSION TRIP**

## Consistory Status Report

- September 9<sup>th</sup> Rally Day theme “Scoring for Jesus”
- September - Suicide Prevention Month  
Will erect 660 flags in the church side yard representing the 22 veterans that submit to suicide every day
- Couples Retreat planned for February 2019 in Laurelville near Mt. Pleasant
- Alcoholics Anonymous will hold their Monday meetings in the Fellowship Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Increased Director of Youth Ministries, Aubrey Rader's, hours from 20 to 25 hours per week
- October 7th Communion Recipient - Imani Christian Academy
- December 2nd Communion Recipient - Bethany Outreach Center
- Interested members to meet regarding the future of the CPR Program on Sunday, September 16th following the church service
- Director of Music position remains open
- Security Committee Chair position remains open

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

## CHURCH BUSINESS DIRECTORY – FALL UPDATE

It's time to update our Church Business Directory again! It is our hope that many of you are finding this Directory helpful and for those of you who have advertised, that this endeavor has been beneficial.

As a reminder, the focus of this Directory is for church members and their immediate family to share their trade or small business, such as sewing and alternations, landscaping, music lessons, farm produce, private in-home services, etc.

Please submit your name, business and contact information and/or a business card to Dan or Joan Banyay @ [djbanyay@zoominternet.net](mailto:djbanyay@zoominternet.net) (724-538-8381) or Becky Kaelin @ [banddkaelin@zoominternet.net](mailto:banddkaelin@zoominternet.net) (724-290-4365) **no later than September 16** and watch for the update in the October newsletter.

Your support and enthusiasm is appreciated!



Members of St. Peter's and Contributors to the CPR (Church Plant and Rescue) Program:



There will be an important meeting to decide the future direction of the CPR Program and decisions must be made as to what to do with the remaining funds that were donated toward the program. We have mailed letters out to all those who supported the program and are soliciting suggestions on what direction to take the program. Here are a few suggestions:

**1. The Cross: Urban Ministries.** Pastor Chuck Nelson and the Cross are committed to reaching the least, the lost, and the lonely of Erie. By offering to host churches / youth groups, The Cross-Erie is helping to minister to those in need through homeless shelters, food and clothing distribution sites, and beautifying the city.

**2. Berean Bible Chapel:** Pastor Andy Pepe's church plant is in need of a new location. Pastor Andy's vision is to repurpose an abandoned Catholic Parish as their place of ministry. They have started a building fund and we could help bolster their efforts.

**3. Turning Point Initiative:** The 4C's answer to our CPR Program. It is in its infancy stage of training clergy to go out, investigate, and recommend how the 4C's can help to revitalize plateaued or declining churches.

**4. Resurrect the St. Peter's CPR Program:** This would entail approval and further funding from the congregation. We have already received requests from church plants to get them started in ministering in their respective areas.

As you can see, we have many opportunities to continue our efforts in reaching out to the least, the lost and the lonely by helping to support the cause of various ministries. Your input is vital to the next move that St. Peter's takes in following the mission God has set before us.

**September 16, 2018**

**11:30 a.m. ~ Immediately following worship**





# SEPTEMBER 2018

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|                                                                                                                                                                         | Sunday School<br>9:00 am<br><br>Worship<br>10:15 am                                                                                    | Head Usher<br>for<br>September<br>Doug Palmer                                                                                                                                                   | <b>**REMINDER**</b><br>Bible Study at Cath<br>Rape's home every<br>Wed. starting Sept.<br>12th @ 7pm !!                                                      |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                        | 1                                                                                                                    |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                       | 3<br>Labor Day ~ Church<br>Office Closed<br><br>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br>Fellowship Room                                                    | 4<br>5:30pm COF Bell<br>practice ~ Bell Rm.<br>6:30pm Elder's Mtg.<br>~ Ed. Bldg.<br>7pm COF Voice<br>Choir ~ F. Rm.                                                                            | 5<br>9am Prayer Group<br>7pm The Journey<br>7pm Youth Parent<br>Mtg. (4th-12th<br>Grade) ~ Youth Rm.                                                         | 6<br>11:30am<br>Ministerium ~<br>Fellowship Room<br>5:30pm Video<br>Announcements                   | 7<br>5-7pm TNT "Gives<br>Back" Event ~ F.R.<br>5pm Jon & Megan<br>(Keller) Balint<br>Wedding Rehearsal ~<br>Sanctuary<br>6-9pm Tanya Satteson<br>practicing ~Sanctuary | 8<br>9-1pm Women's<br>Ministry Retreat ~<br>Fellowship Rm.<br>2-5pm Keller/Balint<br>Wedding Ceremony<br>~ Sanctuary |
| 9<br>Sunday School<br>RALLY DAY<br>9am Breakfast ~<br>Fellowship Rm.<br><br>6-8pm Youth Group<br>Mtg. ~ Youth Room                                                      | 10<br>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br>Fellowship Room                                                                                              | 11<br>1:30-3pm 500 Card<br>Club ~ Fellowship Rm<br>5:30pm COF Bell<br>practice ~ Bell Rm.<br>7pm COF Voice Choir<br>~ Fellowship Rm.<br>7pm Consistory Mtg. ~<br>Ed. Bldg.<br>(All are welcome) | 12<br>9am Prayer Group<br>4pm Feed My Sheep<br>prep work<br>7pm The Journey                                                                                  | 13<br>5:30pm Video<br>Announcements                                                                 | 14<br>5-6:30pm<br>Community Dinner<br>~ Fellowship Room<br>6-9pm Tanya<br>Satteson practicing<br>~ Sanctuary                                                           | 15<br>8am Youth Group<br>Rafting<br><br>5-9pm Butler Co.<br>Symphony Concert<br>Series ~ Sanctuary                   |
| 16<br>9-10am<br>Confirmation Class<br>~ Ed. Bldg.<br>11:30am CPR Mtg.<br>~ Sanctuary<br>4:00pm Baptism at<br>Moraine State Park                                         | 17<br>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br>Fellowship Room<br>6-7:30pm Ding-A-<br>Lings Bell practice<br>~ Bell Room<br>6:30pm TNT Mtg. ~<br>Youth Room | 18<br>5:30pm COF Bell<br>practice ~ Bell Rm.<br>7pm COF Voice<br>Choir ~ F. Rm.                                                                                                                 | 19<br>9am Prayer Group<br>4pm Feed My Sheep<br>prep work<br>7pm The Journey<br>7pm AFSP Support<br>Group ~ Ed. Bldg.<br>7pm Youth Bible<br>Study ~ Youth Rm. | 20<br>5:30pm Video<br>Announcements<br>7-8pm Christian Ed.<br>Teachers/Officers<br>Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg. | 21<br>6pm Youth Group<br>Lock-in at Church                                                                                                                             | 22<br>11am Pickup from<br>Youth Group Lock-<br>in at Church                                                          |
| 23<br>9-10am<br>Confirmation Class<br>~ Ed. Bldg.<br><br>30<br>9-10am<br>Confirmation Class<br>~ Ed. Bldg.<br>3-7pm Car Cruise &<br>Food Trucks ~<br>Church Parking Lot | 24<br>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br>Fellowship Room<br>6-7:30pm Ding-A-<br>Lings Bell practice<br>~ Bell Room                                    | 25<br>1:30-3pm 500 Card<br>Club ~ F. Rm.<br>5:30pm COF Bell<br>practice ~ Bell Rm.<br>7pm COF Voice<br>Choir ~ F. Rm.                                                                           | 26<br>9am Prayer Group<br>4pm Feed My Sheep<br>prep work<br>7pm The Journey                                                                                  | 27<br>5:30pm Video<br>Announcements                                                                 | 28                                                                                                                                                                     | 29<br>3-4:30pm Chip &<br>Kim Morrow<br>Wedding ~<br>Sanctuary                                                        |