

LIFE TOGETHER

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Organist: Judy Wise
Custodian: Dot Gruber

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector ~ Stefan Shingleton
Ushers ~ Wayne & Dot Gruber
Communion Assistant ~ Karen Peterson



From the Pastor's Pen



Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

The Dog Days of Summer will soon be only a memory as we look forward to the crisp air of autumn. Living here in Western Maryland we are blessed with some spectacular examples of God's Creation as expressed in the wonderful palate of colors found in the fall leaves.

Here at St. Peter's the Fall Season brings with it many challenges and new opportunities for us as a Church Family. After a long absence I am happy to say we are once again a Church With A Choir. Music is such a vital part of a church, and I look forward to working with this wonderful and talented group of singers and musicians.

We are also preparing to begin a small catechism class for members of our FaithWeavers. I am excited to begin working with these young people as we explore the roots and beginning of our Lutheran Faith.

Now that the kids are back in school and most family vacations are out of the way I hope that everyone makes a concentrated effort to be back in the pews each Sunday. This is also the perfect time to invite your friends and neighbors to come with you to St. Peter's. Remember we are the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ on this Earth. Share with others what he's done in your life.

Blessings,

Pk. Rick

Lunch Bunch
Hoffman's Grill



HATS OFF TO

....Worship assistants and all who substituted in their absences.
....Our kids for serving as acolytes, communion bearers, and ushers.
....Members who prepared communion and made coffee while Gary and Linda traveled.
....Those providing goodies after worship and snacks for FaithWeavers.
....All who have filled the Mystery Box each Sunday.
....Pastor Rick for his inspiring sermons, his quick, on-the-spot responses to contents of the Mystery Box, and his visitation of our shut-ins.
....Carol who adorns our pulpit and areas throughout the building with gorgeous floral arrangements.
.... Judy who keeps us accompanied whether it's the organ or piano.
....FaithWeavers leaders for working all summer to keep our kids involved and providing community activities as well.
....Gary and Linda for donating and installing blinds in the Fellowship Hall and at the entrance to the Education Building.



4th Karen Peterson
7th Nancy Younker
10th Patrick Smith
11th Bob Kelley
17th Terry Hull
18th Garrett Schnebly
24th Elena Shingleton



2nd Kathy & Scott Harbaugh
8th Gary & Donna Gruber



SEPTEMBER at ST. PETER'S
Sunday 9th

Council meeting after church service

Sunday 16th

Women of the Church meeting after church service

Newsletter information due

Thursday 20th

Lunch Bunch ~ The Grill at Runway's 11:30 AM

Children's summer sermons



CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



CLEAR SPRING CROP WALK

OCTOBER 7th
WALK 2:00
RAIL TRAIL
BIG POOL

What is your impact?

- \$15 home gardening for a family
- \$24 chickens for a family
- \$64 winning combo plate (seeds, tools, chickens & clean water access)
- \$115 family latrine
- \$20 a year supply of micronutrient packets
- \$60 jerry cans for a small village
- \$100 training for 25 farmers
- \$500 seeds and gardening supplies for a community garden

¼ of money collected is given to the Clear Spring Food Bank.
Annabelle has been St. Peter's only walker. Walk with her this year.
2016 she raised \$320. 2017 she turned in \$360. Let's top that this year!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



OCTOBER'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector ~ Bob Peterson
Ushers ~ Annabelle Kayser, John Wyand
Communion Assistant ~ Glenna Hull



Trunk or Treat--Save the Date

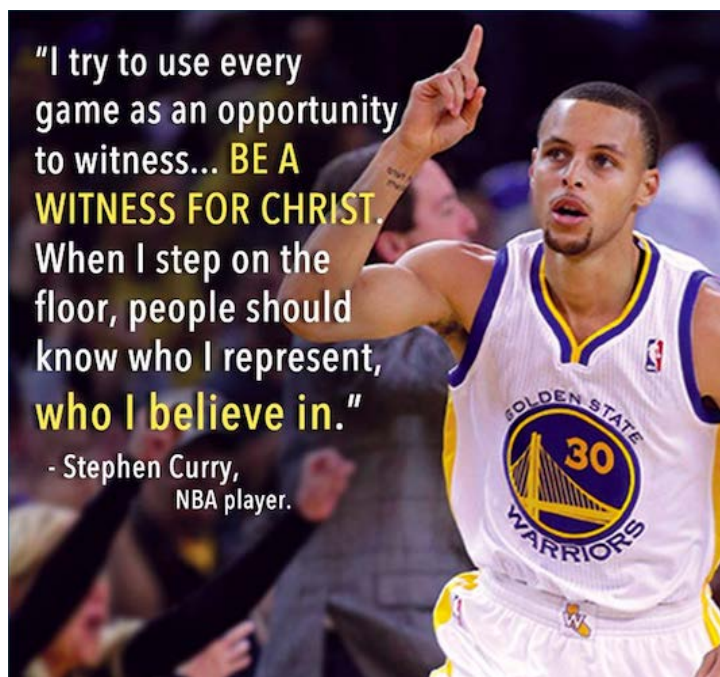
This year's Trunk or Treat at Parkhead Church will be on Friday, October 26th beginning at 6 p.m. The kind folks at Parkhead are always looking for more people to decorate trunks and hand out candy. If you have any questions or are interested in participating in any way please see Beth.



Paint Night a Great Success!

Thanks to all who participated in Paint Night at St. Peter's. Guests dined on a delicious meal provided by Beth and Jenny while they got to work on painting their pallets. It was a great time and the FaithWeavers earned a whopping \$315.00 to go toward the purchase of an air hockey table for their new game

room downstairs. Thanks to Simply Stated for providing a fun girls night.



Kickball Game #1-We'll get them next time.

On the evening of Sunday, August 5th the St. Peter's kickball team took on the Chaos group from Hilltop Christian Fellowship. The evening was sunny and buggy but a fun time for fellowship with a neighboring congregation. Although our team suffered a staggering defeat at the hands of the older and more experienced team, our group managed to have a great time and to get as muddy as possible (a win in my book). Special thanks to John and Nancy Younker for cooking the "dogs", Beth Smith for organizing and to all who contributed to the meal. We hope that this event will lead to future events with other congregations. We will not go down without a fight!!!!

Property Committee Report

June, July, August, 2018

This report by the Property Committee and its many members is for the last three months.

Cleaned the flat roof drains.

Procured proposals from Dorsey Bros. for Fellowship Hall laminated floor and vinyl base. Council and Congregation approved the type and color. Floor and base are installed.

Windows were washed in the Fellowship Hall by the some of the Women of the Church and Property Committee members.

Fellowship Hall walls were painted.

Plantation blinds were installed in the Fellowship Hall and hallway.

Proposal for the stage folding doors is ongoing.

Proposal/color from Dorsey Bros. for the front stairs treads has been approved by Council.

Weeds sprayed around Parsonage and Church/Cemetery.

Weather loosen shingles on south side of Church roof repaired.

Multiple items remain on the Property List and will be completed as time/talent allows.

Many thanks to all members that have help keep St. Peter's alive and well. We are blessed.

PC Chairman, Gary

HOLLY PLACE VISITED

The July 4th Holiday had some sparkle added for Holly Place residents. Women of the Church supplied goodie bags filled personal care items as well as number of fun articles. A special thank you to Judy and Donna who shopped and Gary and Donna for delivering the bags!

September is here which means we're rested and back on schedule. Ladies please plan to attend out regular meeting Sunday, September 16th after worship.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Underwear, socks, and requested school supplies were delivered to Clear Spring Elementary School last week before students returned for the 2018-2019 school year. Profits from our May BBQ and bake sale made this possible.

FOOD BANK

Congratulations to Harry Bryon for his many years of service to the Clear Spring Food Bank. His daughter Debbie McKee begins her new duties Tuesday, September 4th. New hours are 12:00-2:00 PM on Tuesdays only.