



ST. PETER'S

A BIBLE CHURCH

Preparing People for Eternity

February 2024

ST. PETER'S A BIBLE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

PASTOR TOM'S PERSPECTIVE

For over 30 years now, our church has held a marriage retreat. The annual event enables couples to get away, relax away from responsibilities at home, and learn valuable tools to help cultivate a rock solid marriage.

Our 2024 retreat will be March 15 - 17, 2024 at the Marriage Hub at 18 North Main Street in Elizabethtown. The weekend will be filled with great Biblical teaching on marriage, led by our good friend, Dr. Bruce McCracken, and his wife Karen. We will have Spirit filled worship led by Andrew and Leah Young. We always have lots of fun throughout the whole weekend at our marriage retreat.

The weekend will be very practical, with the goal of the sessions being to better equip you to grow in your relationship with your spouse and to cherish your spouse more and more every day.

If you would be interested in going with us for the weekend, please let me know and I will get you signed up. The cost for the weekend is \$150 and includes all of the sessions, dessert Friday evening, lunch on Saturday, dessert on Saturday evening, and a movie on Saturday night.

Optionally, you can choose to stay at the Best Western Surestay in Elizabethtown, or you can commute from home to the event. It is about a 50 minute drive to the venue from church. If you choose to stay at the Best Western, call 717-367-4000 to make a reservation and when you call be sure to mention that you are with the Marriage Hub for a discounted rate.

I hope that you will consider going with us and spending a weekend together, investing in your marriage.

Have a blessed month church family!

Pastor Tom



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KEENAGERS ~ BREAKFAST

Tuesday February 20 8:00 a.m.

Mason Dixon Restaurant in Shrewsbury.

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

Any questions, please see
Dean & Barb Ferree



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



Cook Books

There are still cook books available!

The price is \$20.00

Offering Envelopes

If you currently do not use envelopes but would like to, as a way to tithe, you may request them for 2024.

You don't have to be a member to use envelopes.

If you would like them, please let Peggy Sweitzer or Melinda Trombey know and she will see that you receive them.

Your tax statements were mailed out the last week of January.

Online Contributions for Tithes & Offerings

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

Go to St. Peter's website at www.preparingyouforeternity.org and click on the Donate button at the bottom of the page.

This will take you to the link.

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

It is very easy to use.

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

GREETERS / WELCOME

2/4 Dave Somerville

2/11 Joe Markey

2/18 Tom Beck

2/25 Jeff Miller



INTERCESSORY PRAYER

2/4 Mark Sweitzer

2/11 Joe Markey

2/18 Tom Beck

2/25 Jeff Miller



NURSERY

Downstairs Every Sunday at 10:00 AM

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

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

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

**Stacy Wolfe
Christina Markey**



February

Lee Friend	01	Ronald Dowell	24
Marlyn Stough	03	Ruby Bair	28
Aria Higgins	04	Micah Markey	29
Steve Smeltzer	04		
Jane Mula	06		
Rylee Laughman	07		
Scott Breach	09		
Ashley Worley	09		
Jere Sechrist	11		
Stephen Trauffer	15		
Hazel Mummert	17		
Jacob Sechrist	17		
Chris Flinchbaugh	18		
Gavin Householder	18		
Brittany Sharp	21		
Rick Hendricks Sr.	23		

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

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

George & Karen Christas	02/16
Veerasammy & Lisa Carpen	02/21
Mark & Laurie Delp	02/25

December 2023 Financial Statement

General Fund

Income	37,721.38
Expenses	
Missions	23,034.86
Total Building Fund Exp.	9,807.00
Church Operating Expense	85.57
Church Operating Supplies	317.49
Electricity	996.77
Miscellaneous Expense	1,410.00
Online Banking Expense	60.74
Payroll	14,904.32
Program/Special Expense	3,667.52
Repairs/Maintenance Expense	2,230.68
Telephone/Internet	232.52
Youth Program Expenses	284.94
Total Expenses	57,032.41
Net Income	-19,311.03
Building Fund	25,388.23

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



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Marriage Retreat

March 15 - 17, 2024 will be our annual marriage retreat.

This year we will be meeting at The Marriage Hub,
18 North Market Street in Elizabethtown.

Our speaker will be Dr. Bruce McCracken and his wife Karen.

Worship will be led by Roo-Akh Worship
(Andrew & Leah Young).

The cost for the conference is \$150 and includes the event,
dessert on Friday and Saturday night, lunch on Saturday,
and all conference materials.

You may choose to commute for the event, as it is only
50 minutes from our church. You may choose to stay in
Elizabethtown at the Best Western SureStay for
\$302.00 + taxes and fees for the weekend. You can make the
hotel reservation by calling 717-367-4000. Be sure to mention
The Marriage Hub to secure the reduced rate.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the In the
Know bulletin board in the lobby.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tom.



The total shoe boxes from St. Peters was 274.

Praise The Lord!!

Thank you to everyone who helped fill the boxes
for this ministry.

Bill & Wanda Orange



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Come join the fun downstairs!

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

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

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

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

If you wish to join the Children's Church volunteers,
please contact Pastor Jerry

Sue Quesenberry
Craig Albright
Cassie Emig
Tammy Cutler
Dave Somerville
John & Karen Krone
Beverly Markey
Mike & Jen Stoltzfus
Jane Mula



AWANA

Wednesday 6:00-7:30

All children ages 3 through grade 6
are welcome.

Bring your children, grandchildren,
neighborhood kids, and any other
children of these ages.

We are having a great time together!

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RICE PANS

Hello Rice Pan Cooks

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

Be sure to grab two pans!

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

Mix all together and fill the pans.

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

Many thanks for supporting this project.

Folks in York appreciate your kindness.

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



Men's Ministry New Season

Faithful men who care deeply about their families want to be the spiritual leaders of their homes. However, many just don't know how because they've never seen it modeled.

That's why we started a brand-new study on January 13, 2024. We invite all men, from teenagers through senior citizens, to come out from 7:00 - 8:30 AM. We will serve you a good breakfast, and then we will have a teaching time together followed by breakout sessions into small groups. The group will continue meeting each Saturday for 8 consecutive weeks.

We will be using the book or audio book, "Point Man" by Steve Ferrar for this study. The book is not a theological or doctrinal work, but rather is very practical, dealing with issues that all men are facing.

Men: please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend. We have a sign up sheet on the "In the Know" bulletin board in the church lobby because we want to be sure we have enough food for everyone.

If you have questions, please see Mark Sweitzer, Tedd Wheeler, Sam Carpen or Pastor Tom.

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The community is invited the 2nd Saturday of every month for a free breakfast hosted by Christ United Methodist Church in Jacobus

from 8:30 to 10:30 AM

This month's date is February 10



Congratulations to Crystal Cortez on the birth of her baby girl, Dahlia Isabele Reya Cortez on January 28, 2024 weighing 7 lbs 14 oz & 20.5 " long.

*Congratulations
on your little
princess! ♥*



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Have You Heard Jesus Calling You?

When Jesus lived on our planet, He asked half of His disciples to follow Him in our Bible. Do you know which ones they were? There was truly something very special about Jesus, because these men left their families, businesses, and homes to follow Him immediately! Did they know how their lives would change, since they chose to follow Him? I think not, but they had made the right decision. Please look up Matthew 4:18 -19, Mark 1:19 - 20, Luke 5:27 - 28, and John 1:43 - 44 to learn the names of the six disciples whom Jesus called. The Bible Adventure students will be learning about Jesus and His twelve disciples in January.

If you are interested in helping with Bible Adventure on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:15 by being a church van driver or a Listener, please see Dan Markey, Jane Mula, Sue Quesenberry, or Beverly Markey. Thank you!

Let's keep our ears and heart open to hear His precious voice calling us each day.

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Jesus, Can You Really _____?

How would you complete that question? Jesus' twelve disciples shook their heads many times, because Jesus continually revealed that He was not an ordinary human being.. Jesus loved and cared deeply for ALL people everywhere He went. He was peaceful and extremely patient. The people He ministered to were better or blessed, after being with Him.

Consider the paralytic in John 5:1 - 15. He had been an invalid for a long 38 years. What future and hope did he have? Could he even roll to get into the water of the Pool of Bethesda, when it was moved by an angel, before anyone else did so he would be healed? The Bible tells us that he did not have anyone to help him.. Jesus then spoke to him saying, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." What happened next? The man was healed immediately and he obeyed Jesus' words. Praise You, Heavenly Father! In verse 14 Jesus gives this man a warning about his past choices. Do you think he made wiser decisions from then on?

In Bible Adventure during February the students will be studying this paralytic, a wild boat experience for His disciples in John 6:16 - 24, and a whole new level of love and compassion for Lazarus in John 1:1 - 44. Please remember that believing in Jesus' power and His word are very important to seeing His hand at work in your life and others.

Students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 living in the Dallastown Area School District are still welcome to join Bible Adventure. Please see Jane Mula, Susie Quesenberry, or Beverly Markey about how to register your child for this ministry. You may check out Joy El's website at www.joyelgeneration.org/bible-adventure-permission-form/.

Please keep praying for more students and more adult volunteers. Recently we received two new students. Thank You, Lord! Thank you for praying for this ministry. He is answering our prayers and touching lives.

WOMIN'S MINISTRY

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

Activities in our church for February:

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 9 AM in the fellowship hall.

**We are doing the study "Rediscovering Israel" by Kristi McLelland
All ladies are welcome!**

Any questions, please see Christina Markey or Laurie Miller.

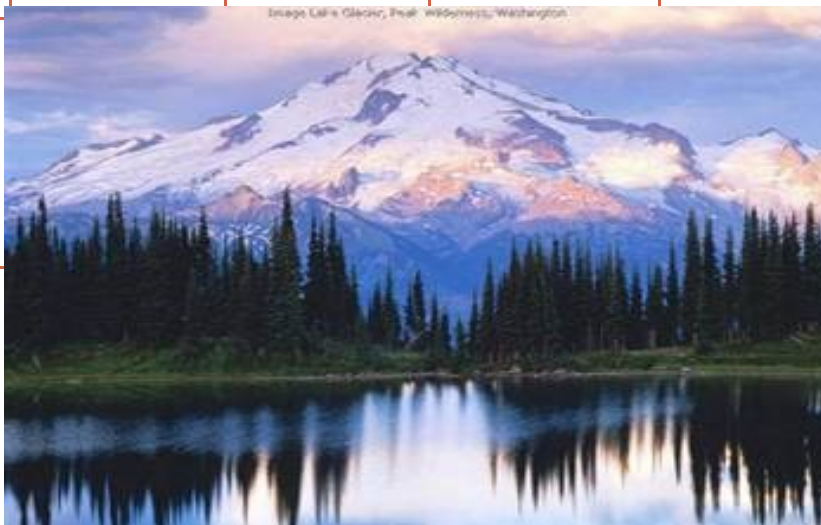
If you are interested in joining the study for your first time, please let Christina know so she can add you on her phone list to call in case they decide to cancel.

Christina Markey & Laurie Miller

Calendar of Events For St. Peter's Church

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 7:00 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9 AM Mocha 10 AM Worship	4	5	6 9 AM Women's Bible Study	7 6 PM New Hope AWANA 7 PM Youth Group	8	9 10 7:00 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9 AM Mocha 10 AM Worship	11	12 6:30 PM Elders Meeting	13 9 AM Women's Bible Study	14 6 PM New Hope AWANA 7 PM No Youth Group	15	16 17 7:00 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9 AM Mocha 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Deacons Meeting	18	19 Presidents Day	20 8 AM Keenagers- Breakfast 9 AM Women's Bible Study	21 6 PM New Hope AWANA 7 PM Youth Group	22	23 24 7:00 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9 AM Mocha 10 AM Worship/ Communion Consistory Meeting	25	26	27 9 AM Women's Bible Study	28 6 PM New Hope AWANA 7 PM Youth Group	29	





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

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

Youth Group ~ Wednesday 7:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVICE

Mocha for Missions 9:00 to 9:45 AM

Worship 10:00 AM

Nursery/Childcare 10:00 AM

Children's Church 10:00 AM

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Feeling the Call to a Short Term Mission Trip?

Perhaps a call to South Africa?

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

March 14 - March 24, 2024

Camp (with high school students) (Mar. 20 - Mar. 23)

June 10 - June 21, 2024

Holiday Program 1 (June 17 - June 21) (elementary school students)

June 20 - June 30, 2024

Holiday Program 2 (June 24 - June 28) (elementary school students)

September 9 - September 20, 2024

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

Questions?

Interested?

Contact Jack Dyson- 717.578.5501 or jack@youthintransformation.org