



NEW CREATION NEWS

Sept. ~ Oct. 2026

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

It hardly feels like Summer is over. For many of us we know that when the Erie County Fair is over, Fall is right around the corner. It has been a good Summer for many. The weather has been great, not many people have died and many had at least a little bit of vacation time. The building and the parsonage have kept the owner, Mike, busy and the parsonage and garage and the fellowship hall floor has been sanded and coated. The power change will allow him to bring in big equipment that he works with at his factory. I'm sure the silence inside the building will soon be a memory. Worship attendance had increased back in the Spring and has seen a decrease throughout the Summer. I was away two weeks and heard the supply preachers did a great job. I'll remember that for the future. Sunday School begins again with September 13 and 27th. It will be on the second Sunday of the month throughout the year. If you have children that could benefit from Sunday school or you would be interested in helping, please notify Sandy Fiegl. It is about 30 minutes and begins after the Children's sermon. This is a great ministry to the parents who come with their children to worship. Hopefully there will be another Christmas program and I know that means we have a need for more children or for parents to step up for this. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Pastor Paula



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: *Please call ahead.

The church office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The office is closed on Fridays.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: *Please call ahead.

Rev. Paula will be in the office on Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm and Thursdays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Paula Gustafson is available to provide pastoral care for members of St. Peter's congregation. Rev. Paula can be reached by phone at 716-476-9261 or by email at pastorpaula2021@gmail.com.



Game Night – September 18

Craft & Vendor Fair – September 19

Driver Safety Course – October 10

Game Night – October 16



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We will continue to have Fellowship Hour once a month after worship service; on the third Sunday of each month. Coffee and tea will be served.

ALL are WELCOME and we hope you will join us!

If you would like to help with a future Fellowship Hour, please check the sign-up sheet for open dates.



SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

We are looking for people to be Sunday morning greeters. It is an easy way to help and a great way to meet fellow members of the congregation. If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the sanctuary entrance. Questions can be directed to any one of the more experienced greeters.

St. Peter's Council 2026

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Linda Richards, President
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Marina Stohr, Financial Secretary
Paul Gannon, Vice President
Christel Kasprzak, Secretary
Sandy Fiegl

ELDERS:

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Brian Welsh

ENCIRCLING IN OUR PRAYERS...**FOR GOD'S HEALING**

John Sworen; Tim and Sue Schrader; Milton and Elenore Keim; Janet Hunt; Dorothy Probst; Esther Heppner; Mike Rogers; Karen Homonai; Paul Dimmig; Charlie Bushen; Chuck Brooks. Prayers for those lost, injured and traumatized by the mass shootings across the U.S.; Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East.

FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

For those in the hospital and with medical problems known only to God and their loved ones.

For all victims of violence.

For all **Gold Star parents** – those who have lost sons or daughters in the military—may God be with them and comfort them in their time of loss.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:

Earle C. Heusinger III ★★ ★ Army

Justin Hurlburt ★★ ★ Army National Guard

Jacob Kruwel ★★ ★ Army

Caleb Tolley ★★ ★ Air Force

Holly Tolley ★★ ★ Air Force

Jack Welsh ★★ ★ Marine Corps

And for all firefighters, EMTs, law enforcement & border officers.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

You may have noticed a new feature on our website (or on Facebook) – a Prayer Requests form on our 'Contact Us' page at <https://www.st-petersucc.org/contact>. Prayer is a vital part of our Christian and church life, and we would like to pray for your needs - physical, emotional, or spiritual. You do not need to be a member of St. Peter's to ask us to pray for you. Please fill out the form to have your request added to our prayer time. All forms submitted go directly to Pastor Paula, and will remain completely confidential if requested. If you would like to have your request included in the Sunday morning "Prayers of the People" during our 10:00 am worship service, please submit the form **no later than Saturday morning by 10:00 am.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We look forward to welcoming our little angels back to Sunday School, beginning September 13! Classes will be held second and fourth Sundays during the worship service, beginning after the Children's Sermon. Anyone interested in teaching or leading classes should see Sandy Fiegl. We have a great group of kids, and have lots of fun things planned. 🙌❤️🏰

St. Peter's UCC....

Faith, Fellowship and Service

Faith in Christ,

Welcoming **Fellowship**

and Loving **Service**

**MISSION MUSINGS**

Submitted by
Kathy Reandeau

Sharing Christ's love and peace with all!

Summer flew by, full of fun, family time, and fabulous activities, but that didn't stop the good people of St. Peter's from doing their level best for mission activities – after completing the Lenten challenge for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, you enthusiastically jumped in for the Family Promise challenge – you guys are the best!

**PLYMOUTH CROSSROADS:**

Plymouth's mission is to provide a safe, supportive, home-like environment for at-risk youth. They recently experienced a full circle

moment when an alumnus created a fundraiser for them. He was with Plymouth in the last beds in Lancaster in 2020. Six years later, he lives in Maine. He came "home" to visit, with his fiancée and 7-month-old baby, and took it upon himself to do this, because he "doesn't know what he would do if we ever weren't here." In the fundraiser explanation, he says: *"I am creating this fundraiser to give back to an organization that had a profound impact on my life: Plymouth Crossroads. As a former resident, I experienced firsthand the care, support, guidance, and opportunities Plymouth Crossroads provides to young men who are working hard to turn their lives around. During one of the most challenging times in my life, they gave me structure, support, and hope when I needed it most. The lessons I*

learned and the encouragement I received helped me become a better person, and for that I will always be grateful.

Plymouth Crossroads is dedicated to helping young men build brighter futures. Unfortunately, recent government funding cuts and shutdown-related impacts resulted in the loss of critical funding that helps support the programs and services these young men depend on every day. This fundraiser is intended to help bridge that gap. The funds raised will help Plymouth Crossroads continue providing essential resources, housing support, educational opportunities, life-skills training, and other necessities for residents who are committed to making positive changes in their lives.

These are not just programs—they are second chances. Every dollar donated helps provide hope, stability, and opportunity for young men who are determined to overcome obstacles and create a better future for themselves. From someone whose life was positively impacted by Plymouth Crossroads, thank you for helping support an organization that changes lives every day."

Churches In Action provided \$6000 to help build a new storage shed, creating much-needed space for supplies by moving outdoor equipment, including the lawn mower, out of the building. They also donated \$1500 to update an upstairs room, helping prepare the home to welcome even more youth, allowing them to experience the love and care found at Plymouth Crossroads.



The Northpoint Depew youth group dedicated 3 hours of service time to transform our storage spaces into one - where boys will be able to shop for free! Save the date for the Bills Watch Party fundraiser on November 15!

Visit www.plymouthcrossroads.org for more info.

NY/HELP: "My First Honduras Trip" by Drew Toner, Judy Toner's grandson. During the summer of 2025, I was fortunate to experience one of the most rewarding opportunities of my life. My grandmother participates in the NY/HELP program, which helps the people of Honduras. While the paperwork and preparation were extensive, the experience was incredibly worthwhile. When we arrived in San Pedro Sula, I was initially amazed by my surroundings and then I realized how much pollution there was. We arrived in the town of Yoro and went to a local store to buy food and water for the next six days. We left the next day to stay at the town of La Laguna for the remainder of the trip. We had to traverse alongside a steep mountainside on very narrow dirt roads on the back of a pickup truck. The

locals were all so kind and showed me all the things they loved to do in the mountains. The day after we arrived in La Laguna, my grandma and I walked up the hill to visit the local school. The school had a total of 90 students and surprisingly just two large classrooms. Not only that, but all the students wore ragged clothing that you could tell they had been wearing for days. The best part of seeing all these kids at school together was seeing how happy they were to be learning, even with the lack of supplies. While walking through the town, I noticed that trash littered the streets. The houses were very small and made out of sticks and sheet metal. The people of La Laguna appreciate the littlest of things, even if it's just a piece of clothing or a soccer ball. One of the things that I learned is that even the smallest things can make a big impact on someone else's life. I am grateful that I had this opportunity and I feel I've grown so much from this adventure. This experience has opened my eyes to all of the misfortune that other countries have to live with. This was an amazing learning experience and I have developed a deep respect and true compassion for their way of life.

We helped paint the outside of the Dr. Gordon Comstock Health Clinic, which needed a new paint job after being opened and used for 30 years.



We also funded a new roof and

frame for a man and his family's home. They had lived in a very small hut made of corrugated tin and plastic shower curtains. We left money for school supplies to be purchased for 12 village schools in the mountains and paid to have their old middle



school roof repaired. Please contact Ginger Comstock at gkcomstock@gmail.com or c/o Arcade UCC, 297 Main St, Arcade, NY 14009 for further info. NY/HELP also has a blog (<http://ny-help.blogspot.com>) and Facebook page.



SIERRA LEONE/JERICHO ROAD GLOBAL OUTREACH
"God-Given Strength to Bear Immense Burdens," a reflection by Timothy Schoch, RN at Jericho Road.

As we near the end of our time at the Koidu Clinic in the

Kono District, I have been reflecting on our experience here, and am struggling to find words to describe the beauty, strength, and joy I see in the people of this country and these communities. Yet there is also obvious pain, grief, and struggle in this place as it continues the long process of recovering from the devastating effects of a civil war that ended more than 20 years ago.

Despite this truth, the people of Sierra Leone are such an inspiration. Rarely have I encountered someone—whether at the clinics or in the streets—who does not greet you with a smile and a warm welcome. Watching them move through the grind of daily life in Africa (often with far fewer resources at their disposal than even our poorest patients in the U.S.), with their heads held high, reveals their resolve and the strength of the human spirit to survive amid great adversity.

Many people here—if not most—subscribe to a faith in a God who sees them, cares for them regardless of their circumstances, and calls them to trust Him to provide. This does not mean that God simply drops provisions into their laps, although that does sometimes happen through generous and faithful people. More often, God empowers them with strength and ingenuity to push through each day and work very hard to feed, clothe, shelter, educate, and protect their families.

Many live hand to mouth, day by day, and there are no sick days without consequences. Mama Phebian once described the weight of daily life here as that of a “beast of burden”—a reflection of how much responsibility and hardship people are asked to carry. And you see it expressed physically, mentally, and emotionally. They carry heavy loads—whether on their heads in large baskets (stronger necks than mine, that’s for sure), through the mental gymnastics and anxiety of parents lying awake at night worrying about how they will feed their children or pay for medicine, or in the deep scars and trauma left by the war and the atrocities they witnessed years ago.

Many have become skilled at burying these scars and trauma, pushing them down so they can focus on the daily struggles of life. Very often, counseling is simply not accessible, and I wonder if many would even utilize it if it were. There are just too many immediate priorities each day to attend to mental health and emotional well-being. I pray that in time, the people of Sierra Leone will gain access to more of these resources, along with greater security for their basic needs and the ability to look to the future with confidence—knowing that their children will not always have to wage this daily fight for survival.

Jericho Road Community Health Center, with its beautiful and diverse people around the world and its

faithful donors, stands in the gap through sacrificial giving of time, energy, prayers, and financial resources. This helps ensure that all the people we serve—created in the image of God—have greater access to medical care, food, and wellness resources, and are empowered to change their futures, their communities, their country, and the world around them.

May God continue to bless the people of Sierra Leone, granting them healing and strength day by day, and raising up leaders who will help transform this place into one that is as equitable as it is beautiful.

“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.” - Psalm 82:3 (NIV). Learn more at <https://www.jrchc.org> under the global work tab.



SERMON THOUGHTS FOR FALL

One June sermon meditation was “Raining On Us,” which was certainly on everyone's mind that month! But this focused on God's Love raining down on us. He is the living water for His children, and runs under the desert sands of our lives.

Abraham tells us that God will provide if we trust in His providence; however, it might be what we need, and not always what we want. Be strong, be bold - the Lord your God goes with you. He will not fail nor forsake you.

“Sowing the Seeds?” asks us to think about the type of soil where we plant, but also stresses that we must be responsible sowers in order to be part of the kingdom of God. We plant the seeds of Jesus by showing kindness, and nurturing what we plant, to bring His kingdom to earth!

Gardening is an instrument of grace. As God's gardeners we are planting His presence in the hearts and lives of all we meet. God's garden grows slowly, but we will reap the harvest of His Kingdom. Celebrate the goodness of growth, and the growth of goodness!

We witness many Biblical heroes of kindness such as Abraham, David, Paul, and the Good Samaritan. We can follow their examples to enrich the lives of others, as well as ourselves. Kindness is contagious - pass it around!

The parable of the prodigal/wasteful son also teaches us about the abundant love of the Father. Sometimes you

have to return home on your own, without waiting for God to come to your rescue. Live by faith, despite what is happening - God is with us, God's love is always with us.

The love of God is a gift, not a transaction in exchange for something we do. We know that Jesus loves and cares for us without our having to do anything other than believing. Grace is a gift God provides to those who believe in Him. In the midst of that Grace, we can step up, share His love, and be the people we need to be as believers.

Taking from the story of Joseph and his reconciliation with his family, we learn that when we experience awful separation, it is possible to move to beautiful reconciliation. Make the first move to restore harmony. Forgiveness is not about keeping score. Chose not to be angry. If we look, we can see God at work.



Family Promise of WNY works alongside families facing homelessness to provide housing solutions and tailored support so they can find their pathway home. To help with this vital work of providing permanent housing for these families, St. Peter's embarked on a summer mission project of collecting Housewarming Kit items and, as always, the response has been great! Here are two recent news items that explain why our support is so important:

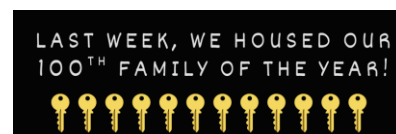
Buffalo News – June 25: More than a year after community opposition derailed plans for a new 40-bed family shelter in Hamlin Park, the nonprofit that led the effort is ready to try again in a different location that officials hope will ease opposition and make it easier to win approval. Family Promise of Western New York wants to put up a three-story building at 364 Franklin St., on a parking lot just south of Edward Street that is owned by Trinity Episcopal Church. The 21,000-square-foot facility would temporarily house up to 10 families at a time, with up to 50 people in all – of whom 40 would likely be children, according to Executive Director Luanne Firestone. Families at the shelter usually stay for no more than 60 days, while staff and caseworkers help them overcome the crisis or challenges that put them at risk.

That's the core purpose behind the organization, which runs a state-certified family stabilization program dedicated to keep families together as they seek stable housing. "We only serve families," Firestone told the

board of Buffalo Place, as she sought the nonprofit's support. "You must have a child in your care to qualify for services, which makes us really different than a lot of the other programs you might be thinking of." Children represent 75% of the people whom Family Promise helps, she said, adding that the typical family served by the organization consists of a single mother with three children ages 10 or younger, who are facing "housing instability" for the first time. That's half the homeless population locally. But those families aren't out on the street, so the problem isn't visible.

"It's illegal to be on the street with your children. They would be removed from your care," Firestone said. "Those families are bouncing around from couch to couch," she said. "That puts children at risk. It causes them to miss months at school. They have no privacy. It can impact brain development in young children." Yet that's not the perception that the agency often hears, and that's been its biggest source of difficulty, including with its newest proposal, which is already facing opposition from some residents and businesses in the area.

"When you think of people chronically out on the street, that is not who we serve," Firestone said. "We don't serve single adults. We don't serve people with active substance abuse, active mental health disorders, people actively fleeing from domestic abuse, or undocumented people, or people with violent criminal histories. All of those people are not safe to be around children. We are only serving families."



July Family Promise newsletter: 30 years ago this month, Family Promise

opened its doors to the Western New York community for the first time! Volunteers of the former St. Catherine's Church in West Seneca welcomed a mother and child into the program and launched a legacy of stabilizing families. Fast forward 30 years and hundreds of families later, and lots has changed. But our core mission remains the same - to keep families experiencing homelessness together and help them find their way back home. And with your help, we are doing just that! More information can be found at <https://fpwny.org>.

WELLNESS RESOURCES

- Sunday, September 6 marks the start of **National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week** – "A time to raise awareness, spread hope, and spark meaningful action around one of the most urgent mental health

issues of our time.” Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States. Spirituality has a role in mental health support. Studies show that people in religious or spiritual groups have a lower risk of premature death or illness than those not involved. The reasons are unclear, but fellowship, goodwill, and support may promote healthy living and mental health. [SAMHSA offers information re: Suicide and Suicidal Behavior](#) and offers free-to-download digital toolkits on Suicide Prevention and the 988 Suicide and Crisis **LifeLine**, as well as [SAMHSA's National Helpline](#), a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service in English and Spanish. The [National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#) also offers a free-to-download Toolkit for Suicide Prevention education and information about calling 988. To find the information, type “Toolkits” in the Search bar. They offer a variety of support groups online. The NAMI Help Line is M-F 10am–10 pm ET. Call 800-950-6264.

- **National Atrial Fibrillation Month:** Atrial Fibrillation (AFib) is rising across the U.S., increasing the risk of stroke and heart failure. The American Heart Association has a free-to-download and print AFib Toolkit in English and Spanish. Go to [American Heart Association](#) and type “Afib Awareness Month” into the Search bar. You may hear the term “Watchman.” The [WATCHMAN implant](#) is a safe, minimally invasive, one-time implant for people with non-valvular atrial fibrillation (AFib) that reduces stroke risk.
- **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month** is an annual global campaign to raise awareness about prostate cancer, encourage early detection, and support those affected by the disease. Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in men, typically beginning in the walnut-sized prostate gland. For every eight men in a congregation, one either has or has experienced prostate cancer. The [Prostate Cancer Foundation](#) has a Patient Resource page and a free-to-download Toolkit. The [American Cancer Society](#) has fact and information pages on its website: Type “prostate cancer” in the search bar. [My Prostate Cancer Team](#) is an online community of 6,300+ men who have or are experiencing prostate cancer. It offers support and information on a variety of topics.



An Idea to Promote Kindness – How Would You Answer?

Why are we promoting acts of kindness?

- An act of kindness increases a sense of well-being for both the provider and the recipient.

- Like a single stone thrown into a pool of water, it initiates a circle of ripples as recipients pay it forward.

The *United States of Kindness* campaign to promote kindness is sharing questions that encourage us to think and talk about Kindness.

- *How do you define Kindness?*
- *What Kindness did you do this week?*

There are no right answers to either of these questions. What do you think?



SONG NOTES

“It Only Takes a Spark”



Hymn writer Kurt Kaiser was sitting in his den by the fireplace where the remnants of a fire and light from the embers reminded him of the simplicity of starting a fire. One spark and, in the right conditions, it can take off. The sacrament (or time) of Holy Communion is a moment that reminds us that at the Last Supper, Christ took the simple elements of bread and wine and told those who were gathered there that evening that they would be the spark which would become a blaze, spreading love and light and even the resources of their hands throughout the world. In this meal, we witness the generosity Jesus shared with his disciples – not just those present that evening – but all of us who have followed their spark ever since. Holy Communion was Christ’s love offering to the world and now, we receive it as we share in the fellowship of one another and with Christ. We rise from the table to be generous people who share this same love with the world. It is our offering and we share it generously, as Christ shared generously with us. One spark of generosity passed on through the ages.

“It only takes a spark to get a fire going,

And soon, all those around can warm up in its glowing;

That’s how it is with God’s Love,

Once you’ve experienced it, You spread the love to everyone You want to pass it on.”

Tell us what a song means to you, or you might even go online to learn about its history or find the exact words that touch you the most. Let’s sing out our praises of St. Peter’s music!



COUNCIL CORNER

Wow, did summer go by much too quickly, or is it just us? We hope everyone had a fun, relaxing and

restorative summer, and that you're ready to plunge right into a fall full of activities! If you fell behind on your offering envelopes, please try to catch up as we will have to start looking at higher utility bills pretty soon. You can mail your offering envelopes to the church office or donate online through our website at www.st-petersucc.org under the "Online Giving" tab.

It was a great summer, and we thank everyone who continued to support our worship efforts with music, communion, fellowship hours, greeters, readers, and flowers. Sometimes the attendance was a bit low, but we are happy that people do take the time to watch our Facebook livestream – even if you can't watch it right away on Sunday, it is on our Facebook page for a few weeks. We ended the Sunday School year with an ice cream social, but we missed seeing the kids every week, and look forward to classes starting up again in September. THANK YOU to the teachers, parents and children who make this possible. We recognized the men who provide strength and leadership to their families on Father's Day, and celebrated our country's 250th birthday on Independence Day as well as the United Church of Christ's 69th birthday in June.

There were a few great bonding activities, such as the Lancaster Garden Walk and Forest Lawn "Sunday in The Cemetery Trolley Tour." Those who participated in these events seemed to have a great time, and we look forward to doing more together. Coming up, we've got the summer picnic, Bisons baseball game, our Craft & Vendor Show, and the return of our Game Nights as well as the Safe Driver Academy, and ask for your usual great participation and support of all these events. Plymouth Crossroads is holding another Bills Viewing Party on November 15. We hope to get a group together to attend this event again, as we had a lot of fun last year.

St. Peter's didn't diminish our support for mission activities. We read about the continued good works of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and our collection of household items for Family Promise of Western New York was a great success. Many of you faithfully brought in items every month to help this worthy organization provide a comfortable home and fresh start for homeless families. We continue to support the medical mission of Phebian Abdulai in Sierra Leone through bi-monthly donation envelopes and donations to the clothing shed.

We continue to participate with the United Church of Christ as it has accepted the USofKindness (USK) Call to Action for 2026, and even had a Sunday service specifically devoted to the topic of kindness. As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, we look forward to continuing to share acts of kindness, large and small, within our church family and wider community.

Council continued to work hard during the summer. The deacons focused on many building issues, while the elders looked at ways to keep our church warm and inviting. We'll start work on the budget for 2027 soon and, as always, have an eye towards the annual meeting in February. We're few but mighty, but are always happy to welcome others who are willing to pitch in and help.

Our Visioning committee continues to envision ways of how we can evolve our worship service, raise funds, have a fun get-together, or reach out into our community to invite others into our congregation. All are invited to contribute ideas and participate in these activities.

Upcoming Council meetings are scheduled for September 21, October 19, November 16 and December 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m., with an open forum available for the first fifteen minutes. May God's peace and blessings be with you throughout the fall, and may the warmth of His love continue to shine in your heart!



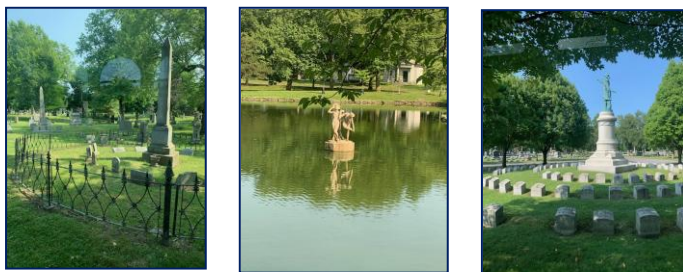
ST. PETER'S ON THE GO!

One of our visioning goals is to find ways to build fellowship as a congregation. This summer, we participated in two activities that really helped us enjoy time together. A small group checked out the Lancaster Garden Walk, coincidentally after our sermon about sowing seeds - how fun to see the Word in action! The creative flower displays were just fabulous, and reminded us of God's bounty. We really appreciated the hard work these homeowners put into creating their sanctuaries, and thank them for sharing and their warm welcome to us all!

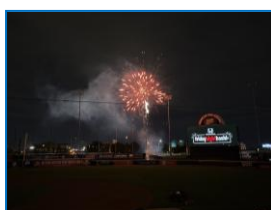
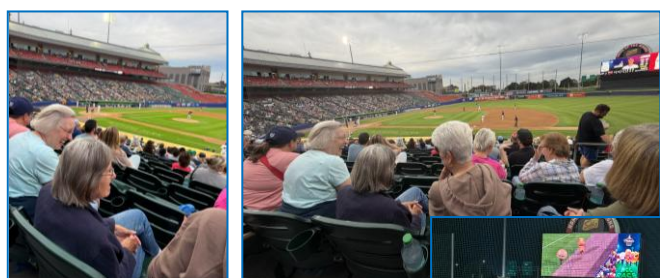


We had a terrific time at the Forest Lawn Sunday in the Cemetery Trolley Tour! It was a beautiful summer day, and the cemetery itself is just spectacular with winding

trails, animal visitors and water features. Then there are the beautiful statues and monuments, plus we were visited by some of the cemetery's "inhabitants," who shared their role in Buffalo's amazing history. If you have the chance, we highly recommend taking this tour, and we look forward to more activities together.



We had a fantastic time at the Buffalo Bisons game in September, but are looking for other ways to spend time together. If you have any ideas, please attend our Visioning Committee meeting, or contact Kathy Reandeau with your thoughts.



CHURCH PICNIC

The weather having a fun time inside at St. Peter's! The day started with a beautiful rainbow that quickly turned into thunder and lightning, but the intrepid souls of St. Peter's turned up for worship and fun. With the picnic on our minds, the message for the day reminded us to be concerned about spiritual food for our soul as well as physical food for our body. After the service we went to the fellowship hall where we were greeted by tables FULL of food and desserts, and games ready to be played. Our hot dog chef extraordinaire, Dennis Fiegl, came prepared with his own tent so he could grill outside, but was able to look in on the activities. And the food - we're not known as "St. Peter's Eaters" for nothing! The bowling game, as always, was a smash, with lots of chances to win. Donna Albert provided a new game with cups, but the kids seemed just as happy to play with the cups as engage in the game. What a great way to spend a dreary day - THANK YOU to everyone who helped set up; brought food, games, and prizes; helped clean up; and who just reveled in the joy of spending time together as a church family.



Game Night Returns

September 18 begins another year of Game Night here at church. This is a time for both fun and getting to know people better. It is a great way to learn names and have good treats and have fun. Bring a snack to share and your own drink. We meet in the fellowship room, so you need to come fairly close to 7pm or ring the door bell or knock on a window in the fellowship hall. It's a lot of fun.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER

11	Michael Kasprzak
13	Dave Elersic
15	Kathy Reandean
22	Jacob Vail
26	Jacob Mikula
27	Patrick O'Melia
	Mike Rogers

OCTOBER

2	Sue Butterfield
3	Jaxon Burdzy
9	Peg Gray
10	Susan Schneider

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER

4	Tyler & Victoria Burdzy
6	Joseph & Patty Hastreiter

OCTOBER

2	Larry & Donna Albert
5	Ken & Carol Kaczynski
20	Karen & Joe Buranich

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am
for in-person worship service.
All are welcome.



Billboard by Karen Buranich

New Member Class-September 20.

If you have a desire to become a member at St. Peter's, the pastor would like to meet with you after worship on September 20. This is a great time to put faces and names together, learn some history and feel more connected to St. Peter's. Let the pastor know if you are interested.