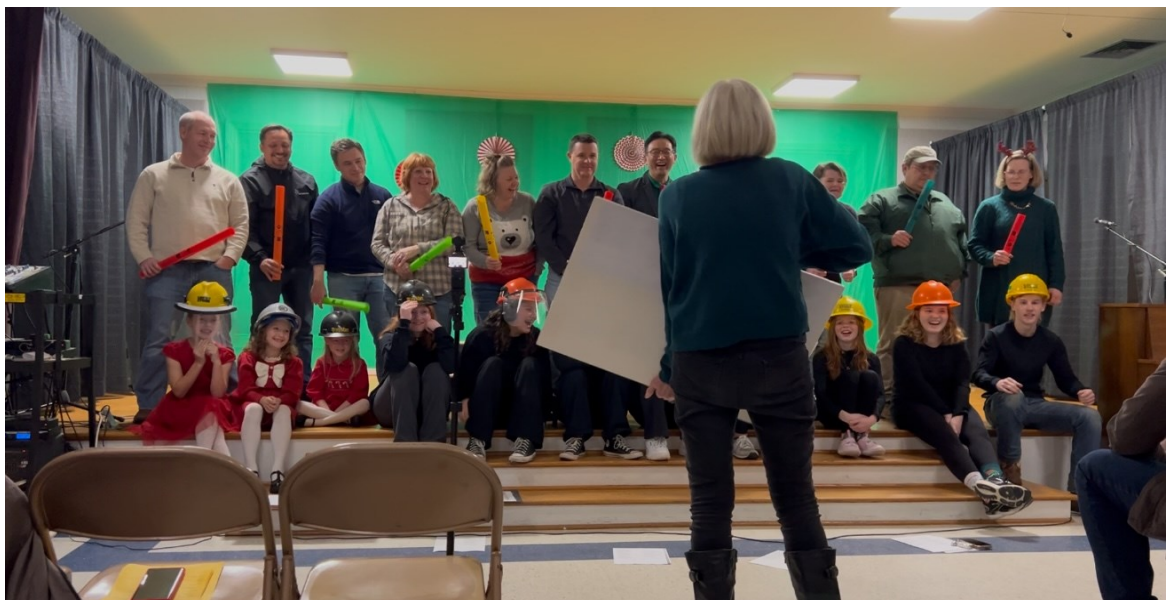


CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

On December 15th, our Youth and Children hosted their annual Christmas Extravaganza, a spectacular event that embodied the essence of the holiday season. The kids presented outstanding performances, ranging from singing and dancing to a trumpet duet and inviting their parents to participate in the festivities. Between performances, the audience sang beautiful Christmas hymns, creating a spirit of unity and celebration. One attendee remarked, "This was the best Christmas Extravaganza yet!"

We express our deepest appreciation to Jen Kahler, our committed youth director, for organizing and rehearsing with our youth and children to prepare for this remarkable event. We also thank the parents for their invaluable support and everyone who attended. The atmosphere was filled with joy and enthusiasm as we commemorated the birth of Jesus.





February Birthdays

Yeeva Chunnanond	2
Gavin Booker	7
Angela Tee	14
Mark Booker	15
Tyree Covington	15
Luc Gilman	21
Ema Gilman	21
Lois Carney	22
Greg Vig	23
Jeff Stockwell	27



ST. PETERS UMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION	DECEMBER 2024	YEAR TO DATE
Donations to the Budget Account	\$27,770.00	\$310,557.00
Transferred from Savings	\$0	\$0
Budget Account expenses	\$29,102.00	\$276,588.00
Gain/Loss	-\$1,332.00	\$33,969.00

God's Valentine

For God so lo **V** ed the world
 that He g **A** ve
 His on **L** y
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 tha **T** whoever
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 but have **E** ternal life

PRAYER CONCERNS: **Missionaries:** Our covenant missionaries to the Congo: Gaston Nkulu Ntambo **Our Military:** Matt Chapman, Madison Siple, Ayden Carter **Children:** Laney Beck, Zoe Legano, Taylor Macaulay, Gavin Yonce, Jackson Andrews, Teddy D., Devin Simmers

Prayer Requests: Asa Daniels, Jonathon Horton, Cynthia Kersey, Wayne & Pearl Luck, Bob Richards, Ellen McIlhenny's sister, Millie Simmers, Eileen Siple, Laura Smith, Harold Stills, Louise Tanner, Kyle Dobb, Lauren Andrews, John Militzer, Cecilia Taylor, Janet Ervin, Fay Turner, Leann L., May Shipleff, Kathy Richard, David Miller, Patty Taylor, Ryan Spencer, David Coats, Karen Tatti, Keri Nicholsan, Amanda Nevius' colleague—Pamela, Ellen Stanley, Shelley Horton, Family of Rose Hall, Kim Fuhrman, Susan Moore, Gene Hall, Paul Giles & Family, Kim Jones, Barbara Adam's SIL, Lexi Lowry & family, RJ (Dwayne Kahler's cousin), Walter Taylor, Melba Whitaker, Sara Park's grandmother, Stephanie Gerskey & family, Winnie Morris, Alice Newman, Kevin Shaver, Tom Gilman, Jessica Matyiko Green, Jeff Rinker, Mike Jones, Kathy Sullivan, Gentry Bell, Missy Bauder, Debbie Murphy, Ricky Pillow, Carrie Wright, May Shifflet, Thomas Jordan, Anne Babel, The Sullivan Family, Family of Lorraine Avitabile, Ginny Sirc

Always in Our Prayers: Lydia Bowles, Jean Hattorf, Katherine Stone, Pastor Yun and his family.

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

Our next regular meeting is at 8 AM on February 8th at Kitchen 33 & Bakery. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a discussion on ongoing and new projects. These meetings are typically brief, focusing mainly on bonding with other Christian men.

Recent Activities:

Prepared and packaged Brunswick Stew for the church fundraiser.

Split and stacked firewood for a couple of our church members.

Wheelchair Ramp Initiative: We installed a ramp for a community member in December. If you know someone who needs a temporary wheelchair ramp, please let us know.

Ongoing Support: We handle small repairs and maintenance issues for those in need in our church and community. Please let us know if we can assist you or someone you know.

Donations: If you would like to make a monetary donation to our group, please make your check out to St. Peter's UMC and write "Men's Group" in the memo line, or visit the church website, click "**Please... would you GIVE online today?**" insert your amount, and select "**Men's Group**" from the drop-down list.

We welcome you to join us at any of our meetings or projects. No special talents are required—just come for the fellowship! If you have any questions or would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact us at MenOfStPeters@stpetersumc.org or call Butch Jackson at 804-496-1399.

May God continue to bless us all!



The Elderberries will gather for lunch on Friday, February 7th at Kitchen 33 at 11:30 A.M. Please sign up at church, call the church office - (804)883-5596 or text or call Ruth Smith (804)216-1260 by February 2nd to reserve your spot. All ages are welcome!

During the month of December, our Missions Committee hosted a Christmas Angel Tree to help two local families. With the generous help of our St. Peter's church family, we were able to donate a combined 65 presents for these two families. One of the families sent our church a note of sincere appreciation.

"Thank you guys so much for everything yall have done for our family. We are very grateful and thankful for yalls help and really does mean a lot to our family. Thank you again. God Bless and Merry Christmas." - The Mallory Family

St. Peter's would like to express our thanks to our Missions Committee for organizing this mission of serving God by serving others.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Be a part of our Souper Bowl Sunday outreach! In addition to our Souper Bowl Sunday, we're seeking volunteers to help us bring warmth and nourishment to our homebound members and church family through a soup meal. We need volunteers to prepare a pint or quart size amount of soup, as well as volunteers to deliver and share in fellowship. Our goal is to continue this mission beyond Souper Bowl Sunday. To volunteer, please email co-missions chair representative, Sara Mineiro at saramineiro1026@gmail.com.



Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 4 when we will host Rise Against Hunger. As we eagerly await for this wonderful mission, we will be collecting donations to raise the \$8,400.00 needed for RAH. If you are donating by check, please make your checks out to St. Peter's UMC with "Rise Against Hunger" on the memo line. If making an online donation (visit www.stpetersumc.org and select "GIVE") please select "Rise Against Hunger". If giving cash, please place in money envelope located on the back of church pews and write "Rise Against Hunger". We are excited to host again and look forward to this time of fellowship and serving Christ by the serving the world. Details on how to volunteer will be announced soon!

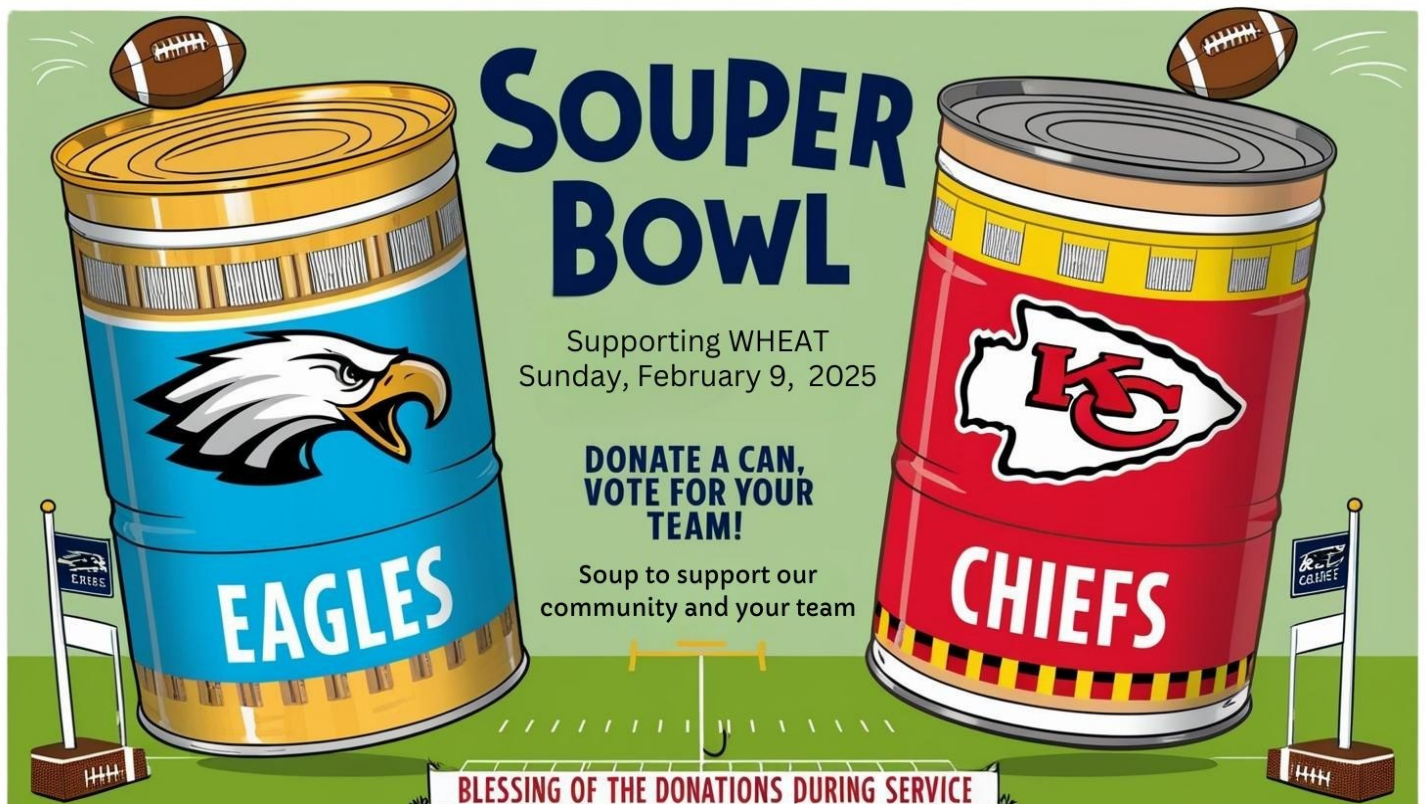
SOUPER BOWL

The big game is almost here, and we are so excited to bring some friendly competition with our own SOUPER Bowl of Caring! We are not only tackling hunger, but also showing some team spirit.

On Sunday, February 9, we will be collecting cans of soup to support the Western Hanover Emergency Action Team (WHEAT) food pantry. Here is where the fun comes in: when you bring your soup can donation, you will place it in one of two boxes: Eagles or Chiefs. As you donate, you will be casting your vote for the team you want to see win! Plus, we will bless the soup can donations during the service, asking God to use them to nourish and care for those in need.

Let's see which team our congregation supports the most, and let's make a big impact together in the fight against hunger. Bring your cans of soup to church on Sunday, February 9, place in the donation box for your team at the altar, and we will see which box fills up faster!

Thank you for your generosity, team spirit, and being a "souper" good sport! As we come together for this Souper Bowl, let's remember that true greatness isn't found in the score of a game, but in how we serve one another. Jesus taught us that when we give to those in need, we are serving Him (Matthew 25:40)



Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we've already wrapped up the month of January! Although we had a slow start to the year with snow and ice delays, we made the most of it by diving into some exciting learning opportunities.

Welcome, New Friends!

We are thrilled to welcome two new students to our class! Eden joined us in December, and Asher became a part of our preschool family at the end of January. We're so excited to see them grow and make new friends in the classroom.

Winter Adventures & Arctic Animals

Despite the chilly weather, we had a blast learning about winter and the wonders of arctic animals. From polar bears to penguins, the children explored the unique characteristics of these creatures and their cold-weather habitats.

Exploring Outer Space

Next, we embarked on an exciting adventure through space! We learned all about the planets, the moon, and the sun. Our little explorers were fascinated by the mysteries of our universe and enjoyed many creative activities related to space.

Folk & Fairy Tales

As we wrapped up the month, we immersed ourselves in some timeless folk and fairy tales. The children loved hearing the stories of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *The Princess and the Pea*, and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We had some lively discussions and even acted out parts of the stories!

Looking Ahead

Looking forward to February, we have some fun themes and activities planned! We can't wait to:

- Explore shadows and learn about light.
- Practice good dental hygiene as we care for our teeth.
- Deliver Valentines to our friends and families.
- Set up a market store to work with money.
- Go on a "dig" to uncover dinosaur bones!

Thank you for your continued support. We are so excited about the adventures ahead and the opportunities for growth and learning!

Solar System Puzzle



Artic Animal Play



Stem Building Activity





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OUR VISION STATEMENT

We envision our church welcoming all people, encouraging a journey of faith, and serving the world in the name of Christ.

**LET ALL
THAT
YOU DO
BE DONE
WITH
LOVE.**

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV

