

SOUPER BOWL BLESSINGS

On Sunday, February 9, our Missions Team spearheaded a Souper Bowl Sunday, a shining example of compassion in action. During this event, our church members and family kindly brought in canned soups as part of our food drive for the Western Hanover Emergency Action team. We offer our sincerest thanks to our missions team for orchestrating this event, our youth group for designing and setting up their team displays, and to everyone for their enthusiastic support with your donations. It was a profound blessing to untie as a family, serving God by serving our broader local community.



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 Miltzer, Cecilia Taylor, Janet Ervin, Fay Turner, Leann L., May Shiplett, 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, Missy Bauder, Debbie Murphy, Ricky Pillow, Carrie Wright, May Shifflet, Thomas Jordan, Anne Babel, Ginny Sirc, Latrice Knight, Mandy Nevius, Patty Shortridge, The Bradner Family, The Kahler Family

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



March Birthdays

Dwayne Kahler	2
Brian Morgan	4
Ben Gilman	9
Madison Siple	11
Kathy Sullivan	12
Anne Vig	13
Phyllis Wiggins	13
Alice Steele	14
Julia Roche	14
Jean Davis	16
Bobbie Tyree	16
Katie Pollock	20
Mandy Nevius	23

ST. PETERS UMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION	JANUARY 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Donations to the Budget Account	\$21,645.00	\$21,645.00
Transferred from Savings	\$0	\$0
Budget Account expenses	\$18,411.00	\$18,411.00
Gain/Loss	\$3,234.00	\$3,234.00

Lent 2025

- 3/5 Ash Wednesday @ 7:00 PM
- 3/12 - 4/16 Lent Study - Wednesday's at 7:00 PM
- 4/12 Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00 - 11:00 AM
- 4/13 Palm Sunday @ 10:00 AM
- 4/18 Good Friday @ 7:00 PM
- 4/20 Sunrise Service @ 7:00 AM
(breakfast immediately following)
- 4/20 Easter Service @ 10:00 AM



**Daylight savings time begins
March 9.**

WHAT IS LENT AND WHY DOES IT LAST FORTY DAYS?



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Source: <http://www.umc.org/>

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

Men's Group News

Our next regular meeting is at 8 AM on March 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:

Plumbing repairs were done for a community member.

Delivered a load of firewood to each of 4 WHEAT clients.

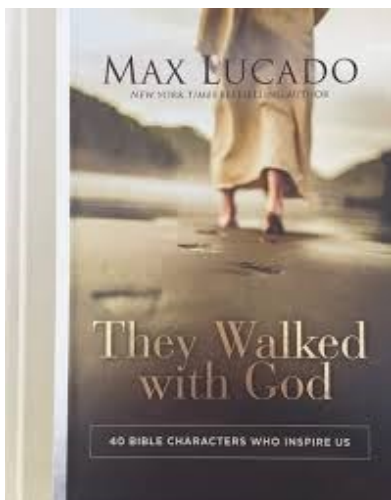
Wheelchair Ramp Initiative: We installed ramps for two community members in January. We have 6 ramps installed at this time. If you know someone who needs a temporary wheelchair ramp, please let us know.

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 **GIVE** in the upper right hand corner, insert your amount, and select "**Men's Group**" from the drop-down list; or simply drop your donation in the offering plate with a note "**Men's Group**".

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!



Ladies Bible Study

The Thursday morning Ladies' Bible Study will resume on March 6 at 10:00 AM. We will meet each Thursday from March through May in the parlor. Please consider joining us as we begin the book, "They Walked with God" by Max Lucado. We meet in an informal setting and we have lots of fun. All are welcome! Text or call Ruth Smith: 804-216-1260.

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 continue 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! Thank you all for your donations that have come in and your support!



Welcome back Duplessis family! It is now Ella's turn to enjoy our preschool. As we welcome the month of March, we are excited to say hello to warmer weather and Spring. This month, our curriculum focuses on stories by Dr. Suess, authors, and illustrators, St. Patrick's Day, rainbows, and Farm and Zoo animals. Here is what we have planned:

Dr. Suess Spirit week

- **March 3:** Mixed Up Monday Day- wear mixed-matched clothes.
- **March 4:** Top Hat Tuesday- wear your favorite hat.
- **March 5:** Wacky Hair Wednesday- get crazy with your hairstyle.
- **March 6:** Crazy Sock Day- wear your craziest sock or mix-match them.
- **March 7:** PJ's Fashion Friday- wear your PJs to school.

Reminders:

March 17: Remember to wear green and bring in a green food item to share.

Parent Involvement:

We would love to have someone to be our Mystery Reader. You choose your favorite book to read to the class then enjoy lunch with your child. (Shhh! It is a surprise.)

I want to give a big shout-out for all of the wonderful work the children and parents put into making the Valentine boxes. It is amazing how creative and different each box turns out each year. Great Job!!



Ella had a Dog-gone cute Valentine's box!



Eden's Valentine's box was rocking!



Lovely Painting!



Sully as our knight in shining armor!



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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.

St. Peter's UMC
Annual Community



Saturday, April 12
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Meet the Easter Bunny
Carnival Games



Egg Hunt Times
Ages 0 - 7 hunt at 10:15
Ages 8 and up hunt at 10:45



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