

THE

JUNE

St. Peter's
United Methodist Church

2025



What an incredible day of faith in action!
Today, our church family came together not just for a meal but for a mission. After sharing a delicious lunch together, we rolled up our sleeves and packed 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger!

Every box, every scoop, every smile was filled with love and purpose. It's amazing what we can accomplish when we unite to serve others.

To everyone who showed up with open hearts and helping hands: thank you. You made a difference today. We rang the final gong to mark our meal packing goal in honor of Esther Gilman and her legacy of mission and service that continues to inspire us. She taught us the importance of community both near and far and that even on a grassroots level we can make a global impact.

And to those receiving these meals, we pray they bring not only nourishment, but hope.



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St. Peters UMC Financial Information	April 2025	Year to date
Donations to the Budget Account	\$19,390.00	\$100,644.00
Transferred from Savings	\$0	\$0
Budget Account expenses	\$26,160.00	\$88,623.00
Gain/Loss	-\$6,770.00	\$12,021.00



Young Adults Small Group

Who: Open to anyone ages 17-30
Facilitated by Sarah & Noah Parks

What & Why: A regular gathering to make connections and grow in our spiritual lives

When: Tuesday nights, 7-8:30pm
Starting October 29

Where: Sarah & Noah's house
Bumpass, VA (text Sarah for address)

How to participate: text Sarah
434-282-8493 for information!




June Birthday's

Abigail Davis	6
Jen Kahler	10
Ted Boyette	14
Kendall Covington	29

July Birthday's

Kenny Tyree	1
Kevin Bishoff	3
Sue Hammerbacher	7
Mildred Jackson	9
Vince Nevius	10
David Forlines	11
Michelle Gilman	16
Tony Chunnanond	17
Buddy Austin	22
Connie Norris	30
Gail Frazier	30

August Birthday's

Mike Williams	2
Howard Gilman	6
Anne Hershfield	11
Anna Williams	12
Chuck Simmers	12
Teresa Stearns	19
Johnny Gentry	19
Christy Gilman	22
Amanda Bishoff	23
Tom Gilman Sr.	24



LUNCHEON

The Elderberries will meet at Around the Table in Ashland Junction shopping center on Friday, July 25 at 11:30. We hope you will be able to join us! A sign up sheet will be in the narthex in July.

Prayer Requests: Asa Daniels, Jonathon Horton, Cynthia Kersey, Bob Richards, Ellen McIlhenry's sister, Eileen Siple, Laura Smith, Louise Tanner, Kyle Dobb, John Militzer, Cecilia Taylor, Janet Ervin, Fay Turner, Leann L., May Shiplett, Kathy Richard, David Miller, Patty Taylor, Ryan Spencer, David Coats, Karen Tatti, Keri Nicholsan, Ellen Stanley, Shelley Horton, Kim Fuhrman, Susan Moore, Gene Hall, Kim Jones, Barbara Adam's SIL, Lexi Lowry & family, RJ (Dwayne Kahler's cousin), Walter Taylor, Stephanie Gerskey & family, Alice Newman, Kevin Shaver, Tom Gilman, Jessica Matyiko Green, Mike Jones, Kathy Sullivan, Missy Bauder, Debbie Murphy, Ricky Pillow, Carrie Wright, May Shifflet, Thomas Jordan, Anne Babel, Latrice Knight, The Kahler Family, The Walls Family, Jim Wuensch, The Johnson Family, Aiden Carter, Lydia Bowles, Denny Waldrop & family, Carol Moyer

Always in Our Prayers: , Katherine Stone, Pastor Yun and his family.

Men's Group News

Our next regular meetings are scheduled for 8am on June 14th and July 12th 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: Installed a wheelchair ramp for a community member. Installed a load cover on the dump trailer. Rouzie's Chapel has closed its firewood ministry wood yard, prompting us to cut and split the remaining wood before moving the wood splitter to the Church of Our Saviour, where our support for the Firewood Ministry will continue.

Wheelchair Ramp Initiative: We purchased more ramp sections. There are 7 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 at 804-496-1399.

May God continue to bless us all!

ESTHER GILMAN MEMORIAL CLOTHES CLOSET

Our annual Esther Gilman Memorial Clothes Closet will be held on Saturday, August 16 in the fellowship hall. We are now accepting clothing donations. Donations may be dropped off before or after Sunday service or during church office hours on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:15 a.m - 12:15 p.m. Stay tuned for more info on how you can volunteer with this event! Thank you all for continued support with this special mission project and serving our greater Montpelier community.



706 Wins Klondike Derby!

The subject says it all. In their first Klondike Derby in more than a decade, 706 raced, burned, lashed, tied, sang and danced their way to first place. This means they have the option of being the host of this event next year. Congratulations to our very own Beasty Boys!



Men's Group giving Pastor Yun farewell gifts.



Pastor Yun with his wife Jenny and daughters Emily and Abigail.

Final Note from Pastor Yun

Dear St. Peter's Family,

I'm writing this letter from the same chair I've sat in for the past seven years—where so many prayers have been lifted, sermons prepared, and joys and concerns held close to my heart.

You may not have noticed, but over the years, I rarely used the phrase “your pastor” when speaking or writing. I suppose I felt it wasn't mine to claim. Being appointed is one thing, but becoming someone's pastor—that's something deeper. It's not decided by paperwork or title, but by relationship, trust, and time. I've always believed that it's up to you to decide if someone has truly become your pastor. And I pray that, in your heart, I've come to be that for you.

There are so many words I could say, but I'll keep this brief—for the sake of those who've listened to my longer sermons over the years!

Let me simply say: Thank you.

Thank you for welcoming my family and me into your lives. Thank you for your encouragement, your partnership in ministry, your grace, and your friendship. Thank you for trusting me with your stories, your struggles, your celebrations, and your hopes.

I'm also thankful for the harder moments—because, as Paul reminds us in Romans 8:28,

“In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.”

Not just the good things—but all things.

So I give thanks for every part of our shared journey—joy and sorrow, laughter and loss, harmony and challenge. These are all part of how God shapes us into the people He calls us to be.

As Paul also said, “Rejoice in the Lord always... and the peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:4–7)

Even when life feels uncertain or hard, rejoice—and you will find that Christ's peace meets you there.

Though I will no longer be your pastor in title, I will always remain your spiritual cheerleader—praying for you, cheering you on, and holding you in my heart. I'll be celebrating your faith, your courage, and your journey with God from wherever I am.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Yun

Congratulations to our Graduates!



Elizabeth Grace Nevius

Following graduation from Patrick Henry High School, Beth plans to attend Virginia Tech where she will major in Creative Writing and Statistics.

Favorite Song: Counting Stars

Favorite Color: Yellow

Favorite Scripture: I can do all this through him who gives me strength. - Philippians 4:13

Emily Kim

Following graduation from Patrick Henry High School, Emily plans to attend the University of Virginia, where she will major in Psychology

Favorite Song: Ganadara

Favorite Quote: "Whatever you are, be a good one."
William Makepeace Thackeray

Favorite Scripture: I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. - Revelation 3:8



Claire Alexander Williams

Following graduation from Emory University with a Master of Science in Public Health in Biostatistics with a Certificate in Data Science, Claire hopes to work as a Data Analyst in their School of Medicine.

Favorite Scripture: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future - Jeremiah 29:11

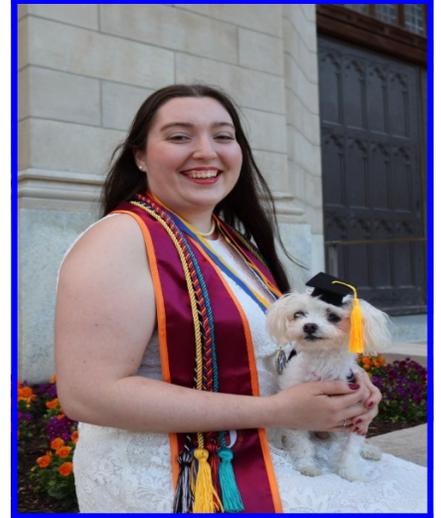


Katherine Ann Stockwell

Following graduation from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations, Katherine plans to pursue a career in Public Relations and Events.

Favorite Quote: "Embrace the change, no matter what it is; once you do, you can learn about the new world you're in and take advantage of it." - Nikki Giovanni

Favorite Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7



Alexander Duke Flanagan

Following graduation from Patrick Henry High School, Duke plans to attend Roanoke College where he will major in Engineering, as well as being a member of the Army National Guard.

Favorite Quote: "Greatness comes from doing one more."

Favorite Scripture: I can do all this through him who gives me strength. - Philippians 4:13

Howard Benjamin Shaver

Following graduation from Shenandoah University with a Masters of Music and Conducting, Ben plans to pursue a career in Washington DC and eventually moving to NYC.

Favorite Scripture: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future - Jeremiah 29:11



St. Peter's Christian School

June 2025

As the school year came to a close, we reflected on all the joy and growth we've shared. The children wrapped up the year with a week full of fun and celebration! We enjoyed a **Bubble Day**, created delicious **Ice Cream Sundaes**, celebrated our **summer birthdays**, splashed around on **Water Day**, and had a blast during **Toy Share Day**, where everyone brought a favorite toy to show their friends. Congratulations to our eight graduates, Ava Henley, Braelyn Zdinak, Edward Zdinak, Carter Thompson, Sadie Lux, Everly Peabody, Everette Hohl, and Gwen Vellenoweth. A heartfelt thank you to **Pastor Yun** for blessing our year with engaging Bible lessons, uplifting music, and truly fascinating activities. We will miss his presence greatly and are so grateful for all he shared with us.



Goodbye, Pastor Yun. Thank you for teaching us about God's love, music, and fascinating activities!



Bubble Day!



Group Photo with Tortoise Visit with Scaly Tails



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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.

*Happy
Father's
Day*

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
**His children
are blessed
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7