

### CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Peter's would like to wish congratulations and blessings to Vera Chunnanond on her high school graduation. Vera is the daughter of Tony Chunnanond and Angela Tee.

Vera will be graduating from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School and will be attending the University of Virginia to double major in political science and economics. Her future aspirations include attending law school and working in the political field. Her favorite bible verse is Psalms 23!

## Psalm 23

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: I SHALL NOT WANT. HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES: HE LEADS ME BESIDE QUIET WATERS. HE RESTORES MY SOUL: HE GUIDES ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THE SAKE OF HIS NAME. EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL. FOR YOU ARE WITH ME: YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME. YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES. YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL: MY CUP OVERFLOWS. SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY WILL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE. AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.



### A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear St. Peter's United Methodist Church,  
Than you for your support this year. We really appreciate your donations to our FFA Chapter. Because of your generosity, we will be able to pay for our chapter members to go to the FFA State Convention. Thank you again. We hope to see you next year!

Sincerely,  
PHHS FFA Chapter

St. Peters UMC Financial Information	April 2026	Year to date
Donations to the Budget Account	\$18,198.00	\$76,065.00
Transferred from Savings	\$0	\$0
Budget Account expenses	\$24,693.00	\$83,985.00
Gain/Loss	-\$6,495.00	-\$7,920.00

**Summer Church Office Hours**  
 Tuesday & Thursday  
 8:15 - 1:15  
**Pastor Gretchen's Office Hours**  
 Monday - Thursday  
 9:00 - 1:00



**June Birthday's**

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

**July Birthday's**

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



**August Birthday's**

Mike Williams	2
Howard Gilman	6
Anna Williams	12
Chuck Simmers	12
Johnny Gentry	19
Christy Gilman	22
Tom Gilman Sr.	24

To the music team at St. Peter's: I appreciate you!

From the St. Peter's Joyful Noise choir at Christmas to the Chime Choir at Easter and all of the music ministry participants and Praise Team members and those who cover the service music when Mark and I are out of town... Thank you so much. What a wonderful team we have - and such a variety of gifts. I so enjoy praising God through music with you all. Let me know if you're working on anything new that you'd like to share with the congregation this summer! Also, if there's anyone else who'd like to participate in any way or who has musical ideas they'd like to share, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Harmonious regards,  
 Christy Gilman-Booker



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

**Prayer Requests:** Denny Waldrop, David Forlines, Bob Roberts, Patty Shortridge, Bernie Stanley, Cameron Smith, Ellen Stanley, Ryan Spencer, Tim Davidson, Chuck and Kathy Sullivan, George Eanes, Barbara Adams, Winnie Morris

**Always in Our Prayers:** Pastor Gretchen and Mike

## Men's Group News

The Men's Group continues to grow in fellowship, service, and purpose as we support one another and our church community. Here's what's happening.

### Next Meeting – Saturday, June 13 at 8am

We'll gather at **Kitchen 33 & Bakery** for breakfast, conversation, and a brief discussion of our ongoing and upcoming projects. These meetings are intentionally short—just enough time to reconnect, encourage one another, and strengthen our walk together as Christian men. All men are welcome.

### Bi-Monthly Luncheon

Our luncheon meets on the **third Friday of every odd-numbered month** (excluding July). The next gathering will be on **Friday, September 18 at 1pm**. The location will be announced soon. These meals offer a relaxed opportunity to enjoy fellowship and build deeper relationships within our group.

### Evangelism & Outreach

We remain committed to welcoming new men into our group, into St. Peter's, and ultimately into God's kingdom. If you have ideas that could help us reach others more effectively, we would love to hear them. We also welcome honest feedback about anything we may be doing—intentionally or unintentionally—that could hinder this mission. Your voice matters.

### Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

Our team currently has five ramps in place, with several more available for temporary use. If you know someone who could benefit from a ramp, please let us know so we can offer support.

### Firewood Ministry

This month we delivered firewood to a WHEAT client in need. We also harvested several trees generously donated by a community member. These efforts help replenish our supply and allow us to continue serving families who rely on wood heat throughout the year.

### Ongoing Support & Service

The Men's Group remains active in assisting with small repairs and maintenance needs for individuals in our church and community. If you or someone you know needs a helping hand, please let us know.

### Supporting the Men's Group

If you feel led to support our ministry financially, you may give in any of the following ways:

- Write a check to **St. Peter's UMC** with "**Men's Group**" in the memo line
- Visit the church website, click **GIVE**, enter your amount, and select "**Men's Group**" from the drop-down menu

Place a donation in the offering plate with a note marked "**Men's Group**"

**Subscribe:** Want to stay informed? Join our mailing list by clicking [here to subscribe](#).

We'd love to have you join us for any meeting or project. No special skills required—just a willing heart for fellowship and service.

If you have questions, contact us at [MenOfStPeters@stpetersumc.org](mailto:MenOfStPeters@stpetersumc.org) or call **Butch at 804-496-1399**.

**May God continue to bless us all!**

## TRUSTEES NEWS

Have you noticed the recent improvements around the church? The Trustees Committee has been working hard on much needed maintenance and repairs. Over the past few months, we have completed several projects, including:

- Cleaning gutters at the church and parsonage
- Replacing the fellowship hall keypad and servicing the backdoor keypad
- Completing masonry repairs at the church
- Conducting a property clean-up led by the Men's Group
- Stripping and waxing floors in the fellowship hall, kitchen, foyer, and main hall
- Installing All Points Broadband
- Starting fertilizer and weed control applications at the church and cemetery
- Adding outdoor furniture to the back narthex porch
- Replacing the church and parsonage roofs
- Replacing the HVAC system at the parsonage

Over the next couple of months, you will see further upgrades, including painting the sanctuary, narthex, stairwell, and a couple of exterior doors; replacing the flooring in the sanctuary and narthex; and replacing the propane tank.

We are blessed to share that these capital improvements have been covered without using Building Funds. With permission from the families, donations from our Memorial Funds are being applied to these expenses. We also received \$100,000 from the estate of Brian and Cathy Morgan and an unexpected bequest of \$107,087.74 from the estate of Gerald Perkins. God is good and truly provides!

To celebrate these improvements and honor our loved ones whose memorial gifts made this work possible, we will hold a special dedication service in late summer. Please stay tuned for further details.



## ESTHER GILMAN MEMORIAL CLOTHES CLOSET

Our annual Esther Gilman Memorial Clothes Closet will be held on Saturday, August 15 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 Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 a.m - 1:15 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.



## **June-August 2026 Summer Newsletter - Updates from Pastor Gretchen**

**Summer Pastor's Bible Study** — Swimming in the Psalms — July & August — watch for details

### **Worship Series**

June — Jesus Loves Me, This I Know: Truths in Children's Bible Songs

July — Identity Christ-is. Who am I in Christ?

*Embracing and recalling our identity as Christians, followers of Christ. We are chosen, seen, enough, gifted, and ambassadors.*

August — Intertwined: Learning with God's Creatures & Creation

*Scripture reminds us that humans are not separate from creation but woven into it. From ravens to leviathans, ants to fish, God speaks through creatures to reveal provision, mystery, purpose, repentance, and calling. In every corner of creation, we discover a God whose care is wild, interconnected, and deeply alive.*

**Youth Mission Week** - August (Stay tuned for details)

**Game Nights** - 3rd Fridays 5:30 PM

**Community Dinners** - 1st Wednesdays 6 PM

June – details to come

July - possible Picnic??

August - possible Cookout??

### **June Youth Events**

June 7 — Lunch and group trip to Reveille UMC

Youth Musical - Esther

June 24 - hosting community youth group Bible experience

Led by RMC students. Birds and the Bible. The event includes games, getting to know one another, Bible study, exploration about birds in our area, and each youth builds their own birdhouse to take home.

Keep an eye out for July & August events with Youth and children.

**Virginia Annual Conference of the UMC** - June 17-20

Keep our annual gathering in your prayers as we meet in Harrisonburg, VA,. To follow the agenda, participate in online worship, learn about this years presenters, and explore all aspects of this conference, visit: [vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org) and click on the Annual Conference button.

### **Pastor's Ponderings**

We are a sent people. Many of Jesus' teachings, especially at the end of the gospels, were about disciples going out into the world with good news, with healing, with risk-taking mission. In John 20:21 "Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father sent me, I am sending you!'" In this effort we are not alone, Jesus' sends Holy Spirit with and ahead of us.

We are in the season of the spirit, season after Pentecost; a time for living into a practice of being a sent people. This liturgical season is our longest, spending six months exploring how scripture guides us in becoming disciples, living Spirit-led. It is our growing season for active faith. As sent people now is time to explore, experiment, find new opportunities to pour God's love into the world with hope.

Sometimes called Ordinary Time, this season is about what ordinary followers of Jesus do with extraordinary grace. Ordinary relationships, ordinary actions, ordinary daily experiences all tuning to God's extraordinary holiness of heart and life. All fueled by Holy Spirit fire.

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." Galatians 5:25. Now is the season of growing fruit of the spirit with intentionality "... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Gal 5:22

May this Pentecost Season find us following Holy Spirit; a people sent out to love as Christ has loved us "... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion..." Philippians 1:6

Blessings this Holy Spirit season,  
Pastor Gretchen

# St. Peter's Christian School

June 2026

## Congratulations to the Preschool Class of 2026!

What a wonderful May we had together! This month, we learned about creepy crawlies that live around the pond and even bravely tried some real bugs to eat! The children had an exciting trip to the zoo where they saw kangaroos, monkeys, flamingos, and many other amazing animals. During our last week of school, the children had so much fun enjoying a bounce house, water and bubble day, and pajama day. We ended the year with a special Graduation celebration surrounded by family and loved ones.

We are so proud of all our preschoolers and wish them the very best as they begin their next adventure!



Visit with Miss Mimi, the Chicken Lady, and her prized chicken.



Remington feeding Budgie Birds.



Ms. Linda trying the insects.





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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