



**February 08, 2024**



***~This Sunday, February 11, 2024***

***Pastor Erik Hall's Sermon***

***From Back Decks to Front Porches***

***Most of us live very narrowly cultivated lives with very narrowly cultivated relationships. Our 'back deck' culture necessitates we know fewer people well enough to invite into our private space. A 'front porch' lifestyle embraces that space where strangers and friends alike can meet and build real community.***

**From Social Mania to Shared Life**

**The catastrophe of cutting corners to community and how to cultivate healthy relationships.**

**Human beings are created for community. We find fullness and fulfillment in positive, healthy, and intimate relationships. Our 21<sup>st</sup> century lifestyles offer lots of cheap and superficial 'short-cuts' to feeling connected but, like social 'junk food', they give us a temporary rush but soon leave us sick, empty, and hungry. God promises that if we cultivate deep relationships, with God and others, we will nurture body, mind, and spirit and find real and enduring community.**

**Worship at St. Peter's UMC**

- 8:00am (St. Peter's UMC Sanctuary). Traditional Worship

- 9:00am Contemporary Worship (St. Peter's UMC Stainton Room).
- 10-10:45 Sunday School for children and adults.
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (St. Peter's UMC Sanctuary).

You can learn more about our worship, ministries, and other events on our website, [www.makingwaves.church](http://www.makingwaves.church). You can also stop in or contact the church office at 609-399-2988 if you want to know more, if you need help, or if you are able to donate your time and energy. St. Peter's is located at 501 E. 8th Street in Ocean City. We invite you to stay connected, grow your faith, and join us in "Making Waves" of difference by sharing Jesus with Ocean City and the world.



Please remember those who need your prayers this week.  
 Pray for all of our church family who are sick, isolated, disconnected and afraid  
 Pray for members of our church family servicing in our military.  
 Pray for our leaders and our healthcare workers  
 Pray for those struggling with addiction and mental health  
 Pray for all who grieve this day.  
 Pray for all students and teachers.

Andrea, Marilyn Aishton, Abby, Amelia, Charlie, Neddy, Nicole, Megan Atkinson, Lee Allen, Matt Bechta, Bill Bender, Sean, Bickings Family, Dave Breeden, Alice Brown, Bill Z, Ed C., Josie Chivalete, Christopher Copeland, Linda Coyle & Family, Christine Crist, Evelyn DeFazio, Carol DeMill, Shirley Deming, Rosemarie Duncan, Cathy Finnegan, Dawn Ford, Kim Ford, Denise Gaskill, Emma May Goddard, Greg Goodwin, Kim Gremo, Clara Hanjian and Family, Chris Harris, Shirley Haskell, Bob Hill, Lukasz Hrabski, Sharon Hotchkiss, Annie Houdart, Kevin Hrtyanski, Sandy Hrtyanski, Lois King, John, Sue and Ozzie Jordan, Judy, Norma Juzwiak, Ed Kenney, Sally Kinnamon, Lagerman Family, Boyd Newman, Norma Lee Linforth, Mike Kubaska, Wayne Maguire, David (Mac) Mascione & Family, Bobbie Mario, Chris Marple, Don Marple, Kenny Marple, Wanda Marple, Paul M., David Mason, Helen McNamara, Olga Messina, Helen Miller, Pat Mowrey, Dick Nash, Al Nicolosi, Tracey O'Brien, Peggy & Steve Oden, Charlene Oldfield, Marianne Oliver, Della Ostien, Eleanor Parker, George Pierpoint III, Haley Raineer, Reeves Family, Sandra Rigg, Joe Rizzo, Joan Robertson, Zacci Robertson, Rev. Edward Rusk, Gloria S., Carol Schoff, Margaret Schock, Joe Skultin, Barbara Smith, Robin Smith, Manfred Stahl, Spear Family, Swen Swenson, Ken Thorpe, Bob Vallerschamp and Family, Pauline Wallace, Dawn Wassinger, Patrick Withers, all people with cancer diagnose; and all unspoken requests.

Please note: Names will only be listed if permission is obtained. Please confirm friends and family are comfortable having their name sent on the electronic mailing list. If you would like your name to be added (or removed), please email or call the church office.

**In loving memory of Dr. Bob Mohr on his**

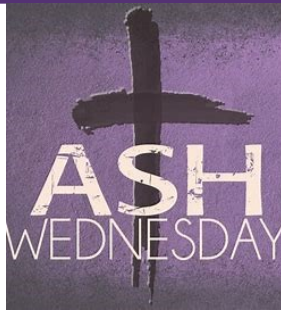
**96th Birthday**

**Given with love by his wife Mary and  
children,**

**Doug, Mark, Barbara, Ric and Jane**







## **Ash Wednesday Services**

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, season to remember our dependence upon God and renew our commitments to give and serve sacrificially, just as Christ did. Living for God means selfless living. The shadow of the cross casts long across Jesus' life. While the shadow of the cross casts long across this season as we journey with Christ, we know God's love and grace will see us through.

**Join us on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Service of Ashes & Healing at 7am**

**Worship Service with Ashes & Healing at 7pm**



## **MUSIC AT 11....**

We certainly have many wonderful hymns in our book that we use every week, but hymns are still being written today and I think it is important that we use some of these in worship from time to time. The opening hymn Sunday is "When the Morning Stars Together" arranged by Jeremy Bankson. In the book of Job, God tells him that the angels and the morning stars sang and shouted together as the cornerstone of earth's foundation was laid. From the dawn of time - the song of praise was there. The text was written in 2013 and like a lot of hymns it is wedded to a tune from 1741! Jeremy Bankson is an active composer and is the Director of Music at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin Ohio.

John Fawcett the author of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was an English Baptist minister in Yorkshire when he received a call to a bigger and more prestigious church in London. After preaching his last sermon and loading his luggage on the wagons, he decided that he would rather stay with the folks in the smaller church, and wrote this hymn. In its first publication in 1782 it was called "Brotherly Love."

I have written about this hymn before and it bears repeating again. Sometimes we need to be more like Katherine Hankey. Many people sing this hymn vigorously but do little to go out and "tell the story" beyond the church walls. Hankey startled England by the unheard of thing of starting a Bible class for young working women in London. She also served as a nurse in South Africa, and turned over all proceeds from her writings to Christian missions. She certainly lived what she wrote.

### **The Seven Last Words of Jesus**

The journey of Lent is the journey of Jesus to the cross. Taking on the frailty and mortality of human life, his humble obedience, his suffering and agony, and his extravagant sacrifice all bear witness to his unquenchable and everlasting love. Lent, in the tradition of the church, is the spiritual road in which we follow in Jesus' footsteps to Easter. This journey calls us to draw near to Christ on the cross and experience both divine awe and deep intimacy. Pastor Erik leads us in contemplating the words Jesus speaks from the cross to find the promise of hope and life that comes when the sun rises on the third day! **Join us Tuesdays 2/20, 2/27, 3/12, 3/19 at 7pm at Church and on Zoom.**

**Contact the office to sign up or just show up!**

- *Forgive them, they do not know what they do.*
- *Today you will be with me in paradise.*
- *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
- *Woman, here is your son.*
- *I am thirsty.*
- *It is finished.*
- *Into your hands I commend my spirit.*



St Peter's UMC  
Lenten Sermon Series by Pastor Erik Hall  
with  
Spiritual Direction Group Study Led by Rev. Beth Mallozzi

## “CAN YOU DRINK THE CUP”

by *Henri J.M. Nouwen*

A Five Week Group Spiritual Exploration in person & via Zoom

The Chalice brings us to Jesus' Last Supper for remembrance and meaning. Like the disciples at the table we are thirsty for what is offered in the cup. Nouwen invites us to Hold, Lift and Drink the Cup. We will look at our own life's cup & seeking to know deeply of what sorrow and joy we drink. We will count the blessings as we lift, celebrating and sharing with others what life offers to us. How do you drink the Cup of Salvation? How do we drink of ALL that God has put into our own story?



*When/Where:* Beginning February 19th, our group will offer two times each week to meet together.,,Monday morning at 10 to 11:15 am in the Stainton Room AND Wednesday afternoon at 1 to 2:15 pm on Zoom.

*How:* To register for group **Contact: Beth Mallozzi 302-745-9904 or [beth.mallozzi@gmail.com](mailto:beth.mallozzi@gmail.com)**. The church office has copies of book. Participants may also purchase book on Amazon or CMC. The Zoom link will be sent shortly before our meeting to those registered for the Wednesday group.

*What:* This is a study for spiritual formation rather than content coverage. Participants are asked to bring their unique cup (of any sort) to class. The study is open to seekers in and beyond St Peter's UMC.

For more information about the program or with questions, contact Beth Mallozzi.

*Rev. Beth Mallozzi is a Spiritual Direction student with West Virginia Institute of Spirituality (and Haden Institute). She is an elder member in the Peninsula Delaware Annual Conference, with a ten year relationship at St. Peter's UMC here in Ocean City, NJ. Together with her husband Tony, Beth enjoys music, dancing and hiking.*

ST. PETER'S UMC

# 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sundays  
February 18th – May 12th  
10:00–10:45  
Grades 6–12



You are invited to participate in this year's Confirmation Faith Journey!

Through Scripture, theology, history, relationship-building, conversation, worship, service projects, and spiritual disciplines, youth are invited to CONFIRM their faith, hope, and trust in God in Jesus Christ, their love for God and others, and discern God's will and purpose for their lives.

All of this culminates in 'Confirmation Sunday' (which occurs on Pentecost Sunday) when our confirmands will reaffirm the promises made at their baptism, and make a commitment to Jesus and the church, and accept their faith in Jesus for themselves. In the process, they will become members of the United Methodist Church in general, and members of St. Peter's United Methodist Church specifically.

Email Amy at [Amy@stpoc](mailto:Amy@stpoc) to receive more information



**Black History Month:**

## **A Street Named for Gilbert Haven**

### *Street Names in Ocean City named for prominent Methodists*

With Ocean City having been founded by four Methodist ministers it is no surprise that two of the streets are named Wesley and Asbury. Both streets are undoubtedly named for two of the luminaries of Methodist history. John Wesley, along with his brother, Charles, were the leading forces for the development of Methodism in 18th Century England. Francis Asbury was the great pioneering bishop that shaped American Methodism from his arrival on these shores in 1771 until his death in 1816. You can find images of the two Wesleys and Asbury, along with Thomas Coke who was the first bishop in American Methodism, over the main Central Avenue door.

What has also attracted my interest recently the names of Simpson Avenue and Haven Avenue. I have not seen any documentation supporting my theory and others may need to correct this but two prominent Methodist bishops in the mid-19th Century were Matthew Simpson and Gilbert Haven. I think it is likely that these avenues were named for them.

During Black History month I want to say a word about Gilbert Haven because he was one of the very few Methodist leaders who was an active abolitionist. He died in 1880, having served as bishop for eight years. He strongly supported the end of slavery, prohibition, women's suffrage and equality, and the holiness movement. "He was an ardent supporter of social and legal equality among the races, and even advocated racial amalgamation." (From *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, edited by Charles Yrigoyen, Jr. and Susan E. Warrick, 1996, page 105.) He served as a chaplain in the Civil War and at one time was pastor of a church in Newark, New Jersey. The timing of his death and his support of prohibition, more than his efforts to end slavery, would likely have made his name be of interest to those who were laying out and naming the streets of Ocean City.

**Robert Williams, Church Historian, St. Peter's.**



## **Hospitality Meeting**

**February 10th at 9:30am**

**Calling All Cooks, Drivers, Callers, and New Members!**

**Mark Your Calendars for this Very Important Reorganization Meeting.**

***Share with God's people in need. Practice hospitality.***





Branches serves homeless and those in need in lower Cape May county. This winter they have a need for the following articles.

Men's jeans- sizes 32 & 44 waist (new or used if in good condition)

Men's belts

Men's sneakers and boots (new or used if in good condition)

Men's underwear- M & L

Any donations will be very much appreciated!!!

## ST. PETER'S YOUTH GROUP

# SPY

*October 2023*



## SUNDAY NIGHTS

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Join us for fun faith building evenings with snacks, games, friendship, and lessons.

All students grades 6 through 12 are welcome to attend and are encouraged to invite friends!

## GOODWORKS GROUP

Wednesday Nights

Grades 6-12

6:00-7:00

This new group will meet weekly to design and complete hands-on service projects.



## MID-WEEK HANGOUTS

Wednesday Nights

Grades 6-12

7:00-8:00

Join us at the church to hang out, relax, and enjoy ice cream.

ST. PETER'S KIDS

# SPK

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## KIDS MUSIC PROGRAM

**Tuesdays**

**5:10 to 5:50**

**Grades 1-8**

All kids are welcome to join our new Bell Choir and Singing Choir. They will spend 20 minutes in bells and 20 minutes in singing choir.

Come be a part of this exciting new program!

## KIDS IN MISSION

**Tuesdays**

**6:00-7:00**

**Grades 1-5**

Our weekly kids 'service project' program for 1st - 5th graders that immerses them in giving and serving, lets them experience the joy of kindness and compassion, and teaches them about needs and good causes locally and beyond.



## ISPY

INTERMEDIATE ST. PETER'S YOUTH

**Sundays**

**4:30-5:30**

**Grades 3-5**

All 3rd - 5th grade students are invited to join us for friendship, fun games & activities, service projects, and Bible lessons during the school year on Sundays.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays

Starting September 10th

Pre-K Through 8th Grade

Parents Sunday School Class

10:00-10:50

All children are welcome to join is on  
Sundays for our Sunday School program,  
FaithWeaver Now.

## FOR MORE INFO.

For more information, check out our  
website: [www.makingwaves.church](http://www.makingwaves.church)  
or contact Amy Hall at:

908-278-7076

[amy@stpoc.org](mailto:amy@stpoc.org)



## **Grief Support Group Meeting**

Our group meets every other Tuesday. The group is open to all adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.

For more information call Jane Taylor 609-412-1855

Next meeting: **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

Time: 6:30pm to 8pm

Where: St. Peter's UM Church



### **Called to Care**

One of the important ministries of St. Peter's UMC throughout the years has been the visitation ministry. This vital outreach to our members and friends by making "check in" calls and visits has served to express our care and support.

If you would like to be a part of this group of visitors please call the church office (609-399-2988) or contact Pastor Kathleen (609-432-2726) or email her at [kathleen@stpoc.org](mailto:kathleen@stpoc.org) to express your interest.



***Veterans Coffee Club (aka)***

***"A Cup of Joe"***

**Saturday, February 17th, at 9am**

**Enjoy coffee, pastries, and fellowship with other veterans who meet on the first and third Saturday of each month.**





### **Eve Circle**

**Our next meeting is  
Thursday, February 22 at 1:00 at the  
home of Anne Hogue!**

### **Grace Circle**

**Our Next Meeting is Thursday, February 8th at 12:30pm in the Stainton Room**

**Grace Circle invites all those who are interested in hearing our Guest Speaker from the Cape May County Department of Aging and Disabilities regarding services available to seniors who live in Cape May County!**

### **Mary Circle**

**Our next meeting is February 21, 2024,  
Stainton Room, at St. Peter's.  
Mary Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of each  
month - All are Welcome**



### **AA Meetings Held at St. Peter's UMC**

**Monday through Saturday from 7:30am to 8:30am in Room 121**

### ***Chancel Flowers***

Do you have a special event to celebrate or someone special to recognize? Would you like to brighten someone's day? Is there are a loved one you would like to remember?

Consider purchasing the chancel flowers in their honor or remembrance of them.

- Call (609-399-2988) or email the Church Office ([churchoffice@stpoc.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpoc.org)) to secure your special date for the 2024 calendar year.
- Provide your information. Chancel flower recognition is published each week in Tidings.
- Vases (2) and Urn - \$45 / Vases only (2) - \$30 / Urn only - \$15

- Special Basket \$25
- Mail or drop off your payment to the church office.

## Organic Coffee and Chocolate Bars



Visit the Mission's cart on Sunday morning located in Fellowship Hall! Our Mission's team offers a variety of Equal Exchange Fairly-

Traded *organic* candy bars and assorted blends of coffee – all grown by Small Farmer Co-Ops.

*All proceeds benefit St. Peter's Missions.*

**Coffee - \$10 per bag - Chocolate Bars - \$4.00**

Pay by check (payable to St. Peter's UMC) or have correct amount.

If you would like to place an order for pick-up or delivery, please email Judy Kelly at: [judyk49@comcast.net](mailto:judyk49@comcast.net)

*Thank you so much for your support.*



## Can Tabs Make a Difference!

By saving the tabs on aluminum cans, you can help our environment and help families in need. The Ronald McDonald House helps families with seriously ill children who are receiving medical treatment far from home by providing food, housing, and so much more. The Ronald McDonald House raises charitable revenue by recycling aluminum can tabs. Can tabs have significant value in the recycling industry, representing the purest form of aluminum. The aluminum that is donated to the Ronald McDonald House is taken to a local recycling station where it is weighed and cashed in by the pound. The money netted is used to assist the Ronald McDonald House with operational expenses such as household supplies.

Please prayerfully consider saving aluminum can tabs and dropping them off at church. Collection tubs will be available in the Stainton Room and other locations around the church. The Southard Family, who were recently guests at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House while their son Richard was receiving medical treatment, will collect the can tabs on an ongoing basis.

### **Order Your Name Tags!**

Name tags are especially helpful in greeting each other and getting to know each other. We encourage you to purchase and wear name tags.

Name tags are ordered with a magnetic or pin back;- cost is \$8.00 each.

Contact the church office (609-399-2988) or email (churchoffice@stpoc.org) to place your order for a personalized name tag or for questions.

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### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

You can send in checks to 501 E. 8th Street, Ocean City, NJ 08226  
or donate online via the church website: [makingwaves.church](http://makingwaves.church)

### **NEEDS?**

Please contact the church office at 609-399-2988 if you need food or assistance.  
St. Peter's invites you to stay connected, grow your faith and "Make Waves"  
of difference in this hurting world.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Regular Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9am to 3pm; Friday 9am to Noon



**For more information check us out @  
<http://makingwaves.church>**

**OR**

**Use the QR code.**

**DIVING DEEPER IN FAITH - REACHING WIDER WITH GOD'S LOVE  
MAKING WAVES OF DIFFERENCE BY SHARING JESUS  
WITH OCEAN CITY AND THE WORLD.**

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