



TIDINGS

03.09.2023



Fully Human/Fully Divine: For God so Loved the World

During the season of Lent, we journey with Jesus to the cross. The Son of God who took on flesh and dwelt among us empties himself, sacrifices himself, and reveals a divine and inexhaustible love for us. .At his call, we shoulder our own cross, follow him in sacrifice, and find abundant life beyond the shadow of death.

Humanity is addiction to self-centeredness. We struggle and strive by any means necessary to the benefit and advantage of our selves. In this we hurt others, commit injustice, and reject God's authority. Instead of bearing the full burden and eternal consequences of rejecting God, Jesus takes that burden on himself. The result is that we can return to right relationship with God. Come join us Sunday, March 12th, as Senior Pastor Erik Hall continues the Lenten worship series, Fully Human/Fully Divine: **Bearing our Sin.**

St. Peter's United Methodist Church Sunday Worship opportunities:

Communion Service at 8 am
Contemporary Worship at 9 am
Sunday School at 10 am
Traditional Worship Service at 11 am

You can learn more about our worship, ministries, and other events on our website, 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 to our food pantry or other ministries. 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.

Lent & Easter Worship Theme and Pastor's Study & Discussion Series

Adult Sunday School: 10:15-10:45
Monday Mornings: 10:00-11:00am
Tuesday Evenings: 7:00-8:00pm



**Just a Reminder to Turn Your Clocks Ahead this Saturday Night,
March 11th, 2023 -**

**The Chancel Flowers and Urn are given
in loving memory of**

Barrie Martin

**on our wedding anniversary March 16th
Given with love, Andy**



**The Special Basket is given
in loving memory of**

David Custard

**on his birthday March 16th
Given from his loving wife, Pat**



Get Well cards can be sent to Cathy Finnegan at:
Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation
Mrs. Cathy Finnegan - Room 302W
92 Brick Road
Marlton, NJ 08053



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.

Marilyn Aishton, Abby, Amelia, Neddy, Nicole, Megan Atkinson, Bill Bender, Sean, Steven Bickings, Beth and Charlie Bowman, Dave Breeden, Alice Brown, Bill Z, Ed C., Josie Chivalette, Leslie Clarke, Barbara Cubby, Shirley Deming, Cathy Finnegan, Kim Ford, Emma May Goddard, Kim Gremo, Julie Mason Groob, Clara Hanjian and family, Shirley Haskell, Bob Hill, Lukasz Hrabski, Annie Hodart, Lois King, John, Sue and Ozzie Jordan, Judy, Norma Juzwiak, Ed Kenney, Bob Leeds, Ken Lehberger, Lauren and Sandy Lennox, Tom Lagerman, Bob Leeds, Norma Lee Linforth, Wayne Maguire, Bobbie Mario, Chris Marple, Kenny Marple, Wanda Marple, Paul M., Helen McNamara, Aubrianna Martinez, Olga Messina, Helen Miller, Charlotte Moyer, Dick Nash, Al Nicolosi, Tracey O'Brien, Peggy & Steve Oden, Charlene Oldfield, Joselle Pratt, Haley Raineer, Sandra Rigg, Joe Rizzo, Zacci Robertson, Rev. Edward Rusk, Gloria S., Carol Schoff, Helcia Schwartz, Margaret Shock, Bill Sines, Joe Skultin, Carlo Slaninka, Barbara Smith, Robin Smith, Ken Thorpe, Dot Turner, Sandee and Bob Vallerschamp, Dave Wagner, Pauline Wallace, Dawn Wassinger, all people with cancer diagnoses; all those with COVID-related issues; 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 an electronic mailing list. If you would like your name to be added (or removed), please email or call the church office.

MUSIC AT 11....

Today, let's look at what each page in the hymnal tells us. There is a wealth of information! For example, our opening hymn this morning is: God of Love and God of Power and is found at 578. When you look at the page you see the title at the top but look down at the bottom of the page. On the left hand side, we see who wrote the words. In this case it was Gerald Kennedy, around 1939. Kennedy (1907-1980) was a UMC pastor. The music for this hymn comes to us from 1680 and was written by Joachim Neander. He wrote the music to 4 hymns in our hymnbook. He was a German Theologian and musician. He wrote over 60 hymns and provided tunes for most of them. His most famous is "Praise to the Lord the Almighty." (We will sing that later in the spring) Still on the bottom of the page we look across to the right and see the name of the tune and a list of numbers. Each hymn has a name for the text (God of Love and God of Power) and a tune name (Unser Herrscher). Under the tune name you see: 77.77.77. That is the number of syllables in each phrase. You can go to any page in the hymnal and find the same information!

WEDNESDAY'S IN LENT AT NOON

This Wednesday, March 12th we welcome Scott Breiner as our organist. Scott is a very gifted organist and well known here at St. Peter's. He is the Organist and Choir Director at Grace Lutheran Church in Somers Point and also the Director of the Cape Shore Chorale and accompanist for the Masterworks Choir. Please join us for a time of Devotion, Music and Great Soup!!

PALM SUNDAY at 4:00pm

Please mark your calendar and come to church on April 2nd at 4:00pm, our Choir will be joined by Scott Breiner, Organ and a Chamber Orchestra to present the "Requiem" by Bob Chilcott. Jessica Houdart and Erik Wager will be the soloists. See you there!



Parents' Small Group

Join us for a parents' small group experience where we dive into understanding the reckless love that Jesus calls us to. We plan to meet on **Sundays in Room 120 at 10am**. No homework or reading required! Just come as you are!



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING CLASSES

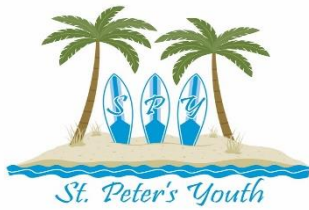
St. Peter's English Language - Classes start at 7 pm and last for one hour in Room 101 here at the church. We support beginning learners as well as learners with some English language competency. Our dedicated teachers are prepared for all levels!

St. Peter's has hosted these classes for nearly 20 years, and we welcome learners from across the world! If you know of individuals who would benefit from the class, encourage them to join us. There is NO cost to the learners. Questions? Contact Connie Pritchard at cjpritchard@pritchardgroup.com or 609-231-9059.



Grief Support Group Meeting

Our group meets every other Tuesday
Next meeting: Tuesday, March 14th
Time: 6:30pm to 8pm
Where: St. Peter's UM Church



SPY (St. Peter's Youth)
Grades 6-12th

Our Next Meeting is March 12th at 6:00pm!
New Monthly Topic: Rooted
Come join us!!



Mid-Week Hangout will resume in the Spring (when ice cream shops reopen!)
To stay up to date, please join our Remind group or our Discord server by emailing brittany@stpoc.org



Children, Youth and Family Ministries monthly e-newsletter. To sign up, contact the church office!



Veterans Coffee Club aka "A Cup of Joe"
Saturday, March 18th at 9am
Enjoy coffee, pastries, donuts, and fellowship with other veterans.
The veterans meet on the first and third Saturday of each month.

SUMMER TREASURE SALE

The United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) are collecting your household treasures for their Summer Treasure Sale. *(Please no clothing)*. Bring your items to the Wesley Avenue entrance and leave them on the bench! Thank you!



MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle gathers every 3rd Wednesday.
Our next meeting is 3/15/2023 at 7pm,
St. Peter's UM Church
All are Welcome

EVE CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 23rd, 1:00 PM- at Anne Hogue's home in Ocean City
New members are always welcome as we continue to study the Women in the Bible.



The United Women in Faith are sponsoring a Pasta Dinner on Thursday, April 27th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Deauville Inn.

The cost is \$32 per person. Mark your calendars now. Please plan on being with us for a delightful evening with our Church family.

More information to follow. If you have any questions regarding this event, contact Marilyn Curley at 610-299-2001.

TAI CHI

We welcome everyone to come to Tai Chi. We do warm-ups for the whole body from head to toe, Tai Chi walking for balance, body tapping for circulation, and Tai Chi moves with step-by-step instruction. Join us for an hour of inspiring spiritual music, scriptures, prayers, joys and concerns and fellowship with others.

We meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am to 10:30am on the third floor of our church or you may Zoom with us.



Donations of food are accepted for the food pantry.

Please send email address to Ginny (v.strang@icloud.com) for invite to Zoom.

“Help Wanted” Continued, by a Seasoned Volunteer

My name is Ralph Bingham and I am going to be writing a series of articles for “Tidings” over the next few months. My goal is to introduce you to the many volunteer jobs I have been helping with over the past 38 years I have been a member of St. Peter’s UMC in Ocean City. The intent is not to brag about the many hours spent but rather to try and express how fulfilling it can be to join with other members and friends of St. Peter’s of Ocean City in Making Waves of Difference in OC and the world.

This week I want to tell you about a very unlikely team that is currently providing the live stream broadcast of the 11am Traditional Worship Service from the Sanctuary each Sunday. First let me mention that I am 87 years old and grew up in a time when it was hard to even visualize the many technical changes that have taken place in my lifetime. When I graduated from college as a civil engineer there were no computers operating in schools and the business world. In order to do my work as a design engineer at Atlantic City Electric Co., I had to grow and learn as computers took over the engineering profession. Fortunately I was able to grow with the technology allowing me to be more technically savvy even after retiring.

So, now I am teamed up with Gabe Leahey, a 17 year old high school senior, to operate a fairly complex audio/video system to do the livestream each Sunday. What a great generational collaboration to be able to work with a member of our SPY youth group who is 70 years younger than me to help St. Peter’s connect with members and friends who can’t get to church on Sunday and to reach others who may be looking for something to give them some hope to overcome a dark period in their lives.

Many of you who read this have been using video cameras and cell phones for many years and would easily be able to learn how to do the video part of the job that I do. I am sure there are others who have the capability to do the graphics art part of the job and there may be someone who has experience in working with a sound board. We need some people to join us on this important team so we have backup when Gabe and I are not able to be at church. If you normally go to the 9 AM Service, Gabe could use your help each Sunday or as a backup. We will fit you in “somewhere between 17 and 87”.

Call me at (609) 335-4329 or Pastor Erik at (609) 399-2988 for more information and a chance to sit with us as we “go live” some Sunday.



EASTER FLOWERS & ASBURY ENDOWMENT

Deadline for submission & payment: Friday, March 31, 2023

Cost: \$20 each

Please complete the form below and return to the church office.

FLOWERS:

Your Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Flower given by: _____

in memory of **-OR-** in honor of

Flower given by: _____

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ASBURY ENDOWMENT GIFT:

Asbury Gift given by: _____

in memory of **-OR-** in honor of

: _____

Asbury Gift given by: _____

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Ø Flowers ordered: _____ x \$20 ea. = \$ _____

Ø Amount to Asbury Endowment \$ _____

Ø Total Enclosed \$ _____

Ø My church envelope number is _____



Join us in the mission work
we're doing
in our community and
throughout the world!



Missions is putting together a mission trip to RED BIRD MISSION in Beverly, Kentucky!
We are excited about a return to Red Bird after many years away. We are planning the trip for the work camp week of May 1 -4. We will need travel time on either end. If you have questions and/or would like to be part of the team please talk to Pastor Erik or Judy Kelly or Joe Neidinger. Missions is on the move and ready to serve those in need! Won't you join us!

Serving On Sunday

This is a Mission's class for adults.
We meet on Sunday mornings at 10am in the Fox Room and work on various missions projects such as hygiene kits and cleaning buckets for UMCOR.
Join us and be the hands and feet of Jesus



CERTIFICATES TO PICCINI'S


A great way to support the DR Mission!



Treat yourself or someone else by purchasing \$20 gift certificates to Piccini's Restaurant located at 13th and West Ave, Ocean City.
To purchase, contact:

- Judy Kelly (609-398-1582; judyk49@comcast.net)
- Nancy Caine (ntcaine@comcast.net)
- Call or stop by 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 - \$9 per bag - Chocolate Bars - \$3.75

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

Thank you so much for your support.

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.

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) to secure your special date for the 2023 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.

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

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>.

**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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