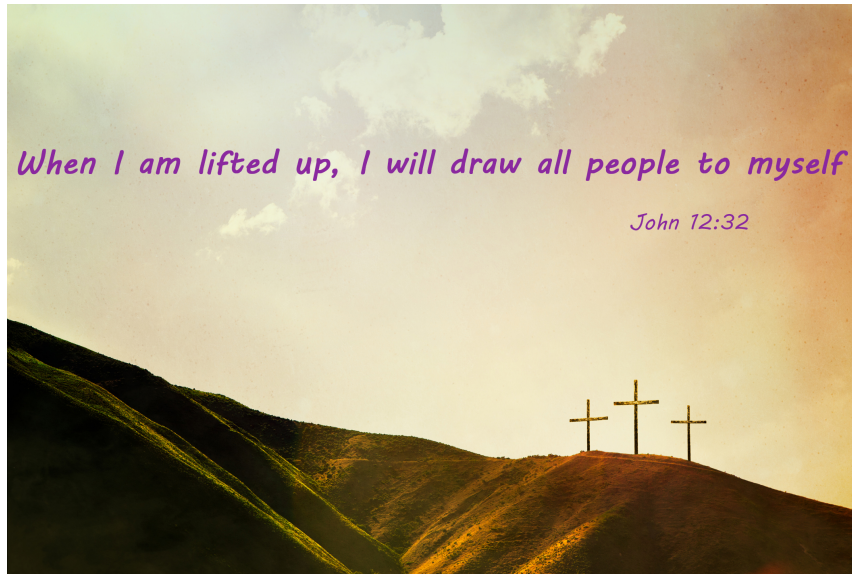




April 25, 2024



~This Sunday

April 28, 2024

Pastor Erik Hall's Sermon

"In Christ's Strength"

Jesus brings and promises strength. This strength is built on contentment in Christ not control over the world.

Overcomers: Living Life in Christ

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13 NRSV

The Resurrection of Jesus opens the way to God and to life! This world is out of control! We are desperate for true peace. We cannot deliver ourselves. Every day we continue our ongoing battle against temptation, lies, regrets, injustice, tragedy, illness, mistakes, and brokenness. Where are we to turn? Who will rescue us? The Good News of Easter is that Jesus was crucified but

not conquered by this world. He has overcome the world and has called us to a living faith and hope so powerful that we can overcome the world as well.

Service Worship at St. Peter's!

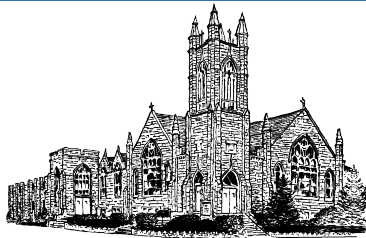
8:00am - Worship and Communion in the Sanctuary
9:00am - Contemporary Worship in the Stainton Room
10-10:45 - Sunday School for children and adults
11:00am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

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 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

Special Charge Conference

On Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30pm for the purpose of:

1. Approving John Gaskill for certified candidate in licensed and ordained ministry in GNJUMC.
2. Electing JeanMarie Mason as at-large member of church council class of 2027.
3. NO OTHER business will be conducted.



Are you growing in faith, hope, and love and continuing to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

Are you serving in mission and ministry at St. Peter's UMC?

Are you building positive, healthy, Christian relationships here at the church?

Are you making waves of difference sharing Jesus with Ocean City and the world?

Then God has made you part of our church family!

Take that next step of faith and become a member of our church. Together in Christ we can do amazing things!

Join us for New Member Orientation Wednesday 5/15 from 7:00pm-8:00pm and then be received into church membership on Pentecost Sunday 5/19 during the worship service of your choice: 8am, 9am, or 11am. Call or email Pastor Erik and sign up today!

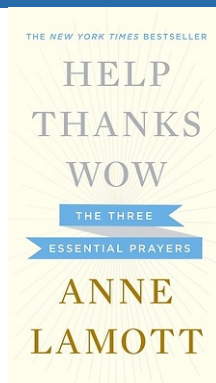
**Office: 609-399-2988, Cell: 732-773-4915 (call or text),
erik@stpoc.org**



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, Brandon, Charlie, Neddy, Nicole, Megan Atkinson, Lee Allen, Matt Bechta, Bill Bender, Sean, Bickings Family, Alice Brown, Bill Z, Ed C., Donna Chapman, Josie Chivalette, Christopher Copeland, Linda Coyle & Family, Christine Crist, Patricia Custard, Evelyn DeFazio, Carol DeMill, Shirley Deming, Rosemarie Duncan, Daniel Durkin, Cathy Finnegan, Dawn Ford, Kim Ford, Denise Gaskill, Emma May Goddard, Greg Goodwin, Kim Gremo, Julie Mason Groob, Clara Hanjian and Family, Chris Harris, Shirley Haskell, Bob Hill, Lukasz Hrabski, Sharon Hotchkiss, Annie Houdart, Kevin Hrtianski, Sandy Hrtianski, Lois King, John, Sue and Ozzie Jordan, Judy, Norma Juzwiak, Ed Kenney, Sally Kinnamon, Lagerman Family, Sarah and Jack Lee, Norma Lee Linforth, Joan Lovette, Mike Kubaska, Wayne Maguire, David (Mac) Mascione & Family, Bobbie Mario, Chris Marple, Don Marple, Kenny Marple, Wanda Marple, Paul M., Mary Mohr, Helen McNamara, Olga Messina, Helen Miller, Dick Nash, Al Nicolosi, Bernice Nolte, Tracey O'Brien, Peggy & Steve Oden, Charlene Oldfield, Marianne Oliver, Della Ostien, Eleanor Parker, George Pierpoint III, Joy Powell, Haley Raineer, Reeves Family, Sandra Rigg, Joe Rizzo, Joan Robertson, Zacci Robertson, Barbara & Joe Rodrigues, Rev. Edward Rusk, Gloria S., Carol Schoff, Margaret Schock, Joe Skultin, Barbara Smith, Robin Smith, Manfred Stahl, Spear Family, Swen Swenson, Ken Thorpe, Teagan Traynor, 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.

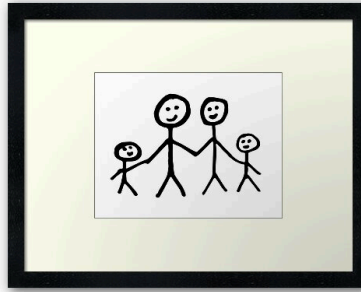


Adult Sunday School Book Discussion

Sundays 10:00 am to 10:45 am

April 14 through May 19 (Pentecost Sunday)

All are welcome to join together in reading and discussing Anne Lamott's best-seller, *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. If you have read Anne Lamott's books you will know that she is irreverently reverent in her reflections about faithful daily living drawn from her own experiences. This book is no exception! "Funny and perceptive" is the way reviewers describe her writing. In *Help, Thanks, Wow* Lamott shares her insights about prayer that can help us all figure out what prayer means to us and how we might get even better at it. The books are available in the Church office. Please let Pastor Kathleen know if you will be taking part in the group.



Don't Let Your Picture Frame Be Empty!!

Sign up today for your photography session for our new Church Directory! Each family photographed will receive a free 8 x10 portrait and a copy of the directory.

We want everyone in our Church Family to be included in the new Church Directory.

Dates for the photography sessions will be May 9, 10, 11 and June 14 and 15.

Sign up for your photography session after any of the church services on Sunday, April 21 and 28 and May 5.

You can also sign up online at www.ucdir.com – click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **nj170** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field.

Any questions or if you need help signing up contact: Tricia Handshaw at 609-432-0965 or thandshaw@gmail.com



We Need You!!

Hosts and Hostesses are needed to help the days of the Church Directory photography sessions. Sign up to help, for

a couple hour shift, on Thursday, May 9 or Friday, May 10 between 1:30pm to 8:30pm and on Saturday, May 11 from 9:30am to 4:30pm.

To volunteer please call

Robie McKinnon at 908-377-1023



Music at 11 . . .

This morning's opening hymn is very familiar and its focus is praise to Jesus Christ. "When Morning Gilds the Skies" comes from 19th century Germany and the text is anonymous. The source is the "Katholisches Gesangbuch" of 1828. It is a hymn of praise - not a morning hymn. Any time is the right time to praise Christ. The original text had 14 verses, and over the years hymnal editors have made different choices, which creates slightly different versions in various hymnals. Joseph Barnby composed the tune Laudes Domini specifically for this text, and has helped to make this hymn popular with its final phrase exclaiming: "May Jesus Christ be praised."

Our second hymn this morning "Be Thou My Vision" is also a hymn text that comes to us from that popular author "Anonymous." We live in a time when "now" is very important and it is helpful to sing hymns that remind us that throughout the ages the church has produced great ideas which are still valid and useful today. The text was written sometime around the 8th century and has become popular since the early 20th century when it was wedded to the tune "Slane" with its ABCD musical form. Each line is different!

England in the 19th century was famous for its choral societies. A fact that is still true to some degree today. "Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise" was written for an 1866 choral festival. As a closing hymn it is a prayer for the peace of God - on our way home, through the night, and at the end of our earthly life.

Want to learn to work together; for your children to learn to work together? Put them in a music ensemble....

What to learn to listen to each other? Join a music ensemble (try our choir!)

What to learn and have your children learn the importance of personal responsibility?

Then you and your children should join out choirs.

Want to connect with others? Join our choir!

It's simple: Join Choir and Sing for Joy!!

See John Bate or choirboyjohn@comcast.net

VBS 2024 VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT



JOIN THE FUN

AUGUST 19TH -23TH, 2024

9:00- 12:30

To sign up for opportunities to serve, lead,
and most of all, HAVE FUN at Camp Firelight,
Contact Amy: 908-278-7076 / Amy@stpoc.org



RED BIRD MISSION TRIP'S

FROM THE HEART ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

Sundays April 28th and May 05, 2024

Be a part of our 2024 Mission Team!
Pick an envelope numbered 1-100 and
donate that dollar amount to our Kentucky
Mission Trip.
As a thank you, all participants will receive
a Red Bird Cardinal Pin.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
CHURCH GARDEN FLOWERS APPLICATION

The **United Women in Faith** are now taking orders for flowers to be placed in the gardens surrounding the church prior to Memorial Day. The cost is **\$20.00 each**. Your donation will be listed in **St. Peter's Tidings, Thursday, May 23rd**. What a nice way to memorialize or honor your loved ones that will last through the summer into the fall, beautifying the church gardens!

Please fill in the form below with a **check made**

payable to **St. Peter's United Women in Faith**

and return to the church office.

Deadline To Place Order: Friday, May 10th .

FLOWERS:

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Flowers given:

in memory of -OR- o in honor

Of: _____

By: _____

o in memory of -OR- o in honor

Of: _____

By: _____

o in memory of -OR- o in honor

Of: _____

By: _____

BUILDING UP LOS COCOS
INVITES YOU TO OUR
**CARRIBEAN
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ADULTS \$30
KIDS \$10

THE MAIN DISH WILL BE...

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NINA**

ST. PETER'S UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OCEAN CITY, NJ

SCAN THIS QR CODE
TO GET YOUR TICKETS!

OR VISIT <https://buildingup.eventbrite.com>

SATURDAY
4.27.2024
11:30AM-
2:30PM



The
Branches

"Where All Are Welcome"

"I am the Vine, you are the branches..."

Needed for The Branches of Rio Grande . . .

Sugar

Juice

Cereal

Cup of Noodles

Coffee

Mayo / Ketchup / Mustard

Spam

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and Meatballs

Diapers (size 6 & 7)

Bins are located throughout the church!! Thank you for your donations!!

Ocean City BSA Troop 32

APRIL 27, 2024 - 8AM - 12:30PM
DROP OFF AT: 1535 HAVEN AVE. OCEAN CITY

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE!

Start gathering those unwanted items today!



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

October 2023



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

or contact Amy Hall at:

908-278-7076

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, May 7, 2024**

Time: 6:30pm to 8pm



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 to express your interest.



Veterans Coffee Club (aka)

"A Cup of Joe"

Saturday, May 4, 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, April 25th at 1:00 at the home
of Kathy Heller**

Grace Circle

**Our next meeting is Thursday, May 9, 2024,
at 12:30 in the Stainton Room, at St. Peter's.
Grace Circle meets the 2nd Thursday of each month
All are Welcome**

Mary Circle

Our next meeting is May 15th, 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



Ocean City
Ecumenical
Council, Inc.

Who is the Ocean City Ecumenical Council?

We are neighbors helping neighbors!

We are a faith-based group who organizes, staffs and gathers donations for the Ocean City Ecumenical Council Food Cupboard and Clothes Closet to help feed and clothe residents of Ocean City.

- *Are you looking for something to do?*
- *A way to give back to the community?*
- *Would you be interested in sharing your talents?*
- *Do you have skills in marketing, computers, publicity, etc., etc., etc.?*

**Join the Ecumenical Council and be part of the leadership to continue
our mission!**

Email us at contact@ocecnj.org

Visit our website at www.ocecnj.org

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.

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

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.

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>**

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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