



February 27, 2025



~ Join Us this Sunday, March 2, 2025 ~

with Senior Pastor Erik Hall

Sermon Title - Perfect Grace

God loves us. And God loves us too much to leave us as we are. So, God calls us forward in faith, hope, and love and, together with God, we experience a grace that makes us better and better until the day we are made perfect in Heaven.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-2

8:00am - Worship and Communion Service - Sanctuary

9:00am - Contemporary - Stainton Room

10 - 10:45 - Sunday School

11am - Traditional Worship - 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.



Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 5th - 7:00AM

and

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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, The Abbott Family, Abby, Amelia, Brandon, Charlie, Huey, Neddy, Nicole, Megan Atkinson, Lee Allen, Carol Angelo, June Appleton, Jessica B., Matt Behta, Bill Bender, Alice Brown, Bill Z, Ed C., Donna Chapman, Josie Chivalette, Linda Coyle & Family, Bob Cantz, Tina Curione, Evelyn DeFazio, Carol DeMill, Shirley Deming, Shirley Doerrmann & Family, Rosemarie Duncan, Daniel Durkin, Eilenberg Family, Kim Ford, Denise Gaskill, Phyllis Giles, Emma May Goddard, Frank J. Grass, Kim Gremo, Julie Mason Groob, Nick Hand, Clara Hanjian and Family, Chris Harris, Shirley Haskell, Bob Hill, Lukasz Hrabski, Sharon Hotchkiss, Annie Houdart, Kevin Hrtianski, Sandy Hrtianski, Sue & Ozzie Jordan, John, Judy, Norma Juzwiak, Ed Kenny, Karen Kenny, Lois King, Constantine Kokkinos, The Laird Family, Normalee Linforth, Mike Kubaska, Wayne Maguire, David (Mac) Mascione & Family, Bobbie Mario, Chris Marple, Don Marple, Kenny Marple, Wanda Marple, Andy Martin Paul M., Bill McCord, Helen McNamara, Olga Messina, Helen Miller, Al Nicolosi, Bernice Nolte, Tracey O'Brien, Peggy & Steve Oden, Charlene Oldfield, Marianne Oliver, Della Ostien, Eleanor Parker, George Pierpoint III, David Powell & family, Haley Raineer, Sandra Rigg, Joan Robertson, Zacci Robertson, Barbara & Joe Rodrigues, Gary Rushmer, Rev. Edward Rusk, Gloria S., Margaret Schock, Jillian Schoenstein, Carol Schoff, Joe Skultin, Barbara Smith, Robin Smith, Jacob Snow, Manfred Stahl, Spear Family, Swen Swenson, Ken Thorpe, Bob Vallerschamp and Family, Pauline Wallace, Dawn Wassinger, Patrick Withers, Bill Woods; 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



The Special Basket of Flowers on the Altar is

in Loving Memory of my brother,

George Durand

Given by Kathy Heller



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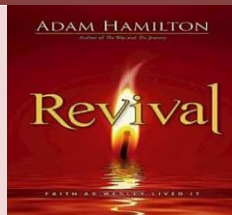
PLGRIMAGE TO WESLEY SITES!

**Join St. Peter's for a faith, fun, and fellowship filled 10-day trip to England!
The dates are October 10th - 19th 2025.**

Led by the Rev. Dr. Bob Williams (former General Secretary of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History) and Rev. Erik Hall (Lead Pastor at St. Peter's UMC in Ocean City), we will visit sites important in the life of John and Charles Wesley and our Methodist heritage.

Be inspired by seeing John Wesley's prayer room in his home in London, visit the church in Epworth where he was baptized, his family home, and worship in the chapel he had built in London. Also, travel will take us to the Tower of London, the Cotswolds, Shakespeare's home, Coventry Cathedral, Oxford University and Bath (a city of Roman origin).

Trip cost will be \$3998 and includes airfare, first-class hotels, deluxe motorcoach, taxes, tips, and entrance fees, and most meals. Go to makingwaves.church to download a brochure and register, or contact Pastor Erik.



Revival: Faith as John Wesley Lived it

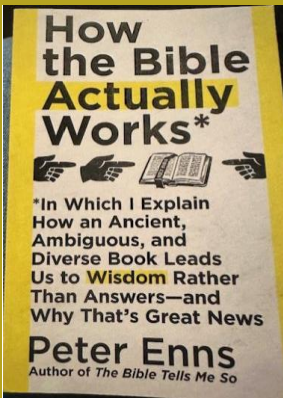
Mondays 10:00-11:00am in-person

Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm in-person or ZOOM

Experience grace and faith as we discover and explore our Methodist heritage. Join us for this six-week book and video-driven study and discussion series with Adam Hamilton as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian.

This is also a great introduction to those who are interested in traveling with St. Peter's UMC to England for a Wesley Heritage Tour and Pilgrimage in October of 2025!

Call or email the church office for the book or to sign up for zoom. Contact Pastor Erik (erik@stpoc.org) for details regarding the trip in October



Adult Sunday School Resumes

How you ever wondered how the Bible actually work? Author and Biblical Scholar, Peter Enns, has just the book for you!

How the Bible Actually Works (*In Which I Explain How an Ancient, Ambiguous, and Diverse Book Leads Us to Wisdom Rather Than Answers—and Why That's Good News).* What a mouthful for a book title! But it describes exactly what this study will help us to discover. Come and join us in the Mary Marr Room for a lively, faith-deepening discussion.

Books are available in the church office or speak to/call/email Pastor Kathleen to get a copy.



Charles Wesley on Slavery

Read Rev. Dr. Bob Williams' article on Charles Wesley's observations of cruelty towards slaves in a 1736 personal journal entry.

**** WARNING ****

This article contains graphic descriptions of cruelty that readers will find disturbing. Proceed to the article by clicking on the button below

[Charles Wesley on Slavery](#)



MUSIC AT 11....

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18, 2025 - 12 Noon

St. Peter's Choir

The Seven Last Words of Christ- Theodore Dubois

**Beth Nardone, Ashley Arsenault, Erik Wagner, Robert Snodgrass - Soloists
Scott Breiner, Organ John Bate, Conducting**

Please come and make Good Friday part of your Holy Week and Easter Journey

ST. PETER'S UMC

2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sundays
March 9 – May 18th
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 Pastor Erik at Erik@stpoc to register for the class



2025 ASBURY SCHOLARSHIP SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING!!!

This Year the Asbury Scholarship Application process will

OPEN on **MARCH 9th** and

CLOSE on **MAY 11th**

- * This is EARLIER than previous years. Please don't miss this opportunity. Look for applications to be available by March 9th!

ST. PETER'S UMC

MARDI GRAS

Dance Party

MARCH 4, 2025
6:00 - 8:00

KICKING OFF THE
LENTEN SEASON
MARDIS GRAS STYLE

DJ - DANCING - GAMES - SNACKS
SILENT AUCTION FOR DR MISSION TRIP

FREE TO ALL BUT RSVP REQUIRED BY 2/23
CONTACT CHURCHOFFICE@STPOC.ORG
OR AMY@STPOC.ORG / 908-278-7076



MISSIONS SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, March 2nd!!

**Opening Bids start after
worship**



Bidding closes: Mardi Gras Party March 4th!!!!

Some of the items you will find:

**Box of Licorice from Licorice.com. Johnson Popcorn basket.
Quarts of White Chicken Chili. Homemade pies
Jenn's Super Delicious Strawberry Shortcake
Decorated denim jacket. Ocean City Basket, Coffee
Basket. Irish Basket**

Plus more items you may like!

St. Peter's UMC's

HOMELESS FOR A NIGHT

Think About it: A cardboard box
or tent may be someone's
home.

Do Something About It: Join
Us for Our Indoor Cardboard/
Tent City Event:
Friday, April 4th, 6:30 PM to
Saturday, April 5th, 8:00 AM
\$25.00

**MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO FAMILY
PROMISE OF CAPE MAY COUNTY**

Contact Amy for More Information:
Amy@STPOC.org / 908-278-7076



HOPE AND ASSISTANCE LIFT FLOOD BURDENS

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2

In the hills and hollers of Southeastern Kentucky, there are eyes full of tears and hearts that are broken as overwhelming rainfall and flooding causes widespread devastation across the region. In an effort to bring hope, the Red Bird Mission Community Outreach and Work Camp are serving as a beacon of light for families who have experienced loss and in need of immediate assistance. The communities served by Red Bird Mission are not strangers to severe weather as they have come face to face in the eye of thunderstorms, snow accumulations and harsh temperatures.

The Red Bird River rises and spreads across the Red Bird Mission Queendale Campus, reaching the Red Bird Dental Clinic, Community Store, and covering the softball field. The Red Bird Christian School parking lot, where student pick up and drop off is located, becomes almost unrecognizable as the waters ravage through leaving behind a destruction of sand and gravel that will need immediate repairs of new gravel.

As a result of the flooding disaster and the bitter cold sweeping in the after the cold front, many families are without electricity, food and heat on Sunday. One elderly resident that participates in the Red Bird Mission Elderly Ministries and her beloved doggie had to be rescued by boat. ([Link to Manchester Enterprise photo of the rescue.](#)) The flooding destroyed heat pumps and families didn't have access to sump pumps to remove water from inside their homes. Most of the main roads into the Red Bird River Valley were okay once the water receded but side roads, culverts and bridges that were flooded are badly damaged. Mud slides impacting roads and homes will require heavy equipment and trucks that is beyond the financial resources of families.

If you would like to donate to help with the flooding recovery at Red Bird, please make your check out to: St Peter’s UMC and put

Red Bird - FLOODING in the memo line.

Thank you for supporting Missions!



ELL Classes are held Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8pm Room 101

Help us to continue to give the Gift of Learning!

Your time or donations are welcomed!



St. Peter's

Hospitality Committee

Volunteers are need to prepare meals, deliver meals, or be a Calling Captain.

For more information contact:
Kathy Thompson - 609-399-4126



SERVING ON SUNDAY The Missions Sunday Team

We meet in the Fox Room each Sunday at 10:00 am.

Join us in being the hands and feet of Jesus!!

We do many different missions tasks like:

Assembling hygiene kits for UMCOR

Make lunches for the homeless in Rio Grande

Clean the church kitchen

Wipe down pews & railings during cold & flu season

Assemble holiday bags for our shut-ins

+ many other tasks in the church & community!

METHODIST MEN'S MINISTRY

The Methodist Men's Group meets the Last Saturday of each month 9am
in the Fox Room

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 29, 2025



St. Peter's UMC

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

~ App and Chat ~

THIS MONTH'S PICK . . .

Remarkably Bright Creatures - By: Shelby Van Pelt

March 24, 2025 - 7PM TO 8PM

We'll enjoy an **APP**etizer as we chat about great books!

Email Amy with any questions: amy@stpoc.org

Grace Circle

*Come join us on Thursday, March 13th at 12:30 in the Stainton Room for our Special Guest Speaker
Grace Circle meets the Second Thursday of each month!*



EVE CIRCLE

Next meeting is February 27, 2025 at 1:00 at The Shores at Wesley Manor



Mary Circle

Mary Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Next Meeting: March 19, 2025
7pm at St. Peter's All are welcome!



Grief Support Group Meeting

Our group meets every other Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8pm. 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 or
email: Janeht927@yahoo.com

Next meeting: **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**
Where: St. Peter's UM Church

Please spread the word that we are holding space for everyone and their grief.

I always say: "I'm sorry you are here, but I'm glad we are here for you."



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, March 1, 2025, at 9am

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

JUST US TOGETHER

Meets the Third Wednesday Each Month - 6:30-7:30 in the Mary Marr Room

AA Meetings Held at St. Peter's UMC

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



EQUAL EXCHANGE - Fairly Traded Organic Chocolate and Coffee for Sale!

Visit the Mission's Team chocolate and coffee cart to purchase a variety of delicious flavors and blends! All grown by Small Farmer Co-ops! All proceeds benefit St. Peter's Missions!

Coffee \$12 or (2) for \$20 - Chocolate Bars \$6 or (2) for \$10

Checks payable to: St. Peter's UMC

Mission's General in memo Line or exact cash.

Thank you so much for your support!



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.

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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