



Thank you, Pastor Erik and Pastor Kathleen, for being a shepherd to the flock and a guiding light in our lives. You are a blessing to this church, and we thank God for you!

**October 24, 2024**



**~ Join Us This Sunday, October 27, 2024 ~**

**with Pastor Erik Hall**

**Sermon Title - Unity in Diversity**

***Competition for power and pride in the world sets people and groups against one another in a zero-sum game of winners and losers. Differences stoke fear and conflict. The Kingdom of God cultivates grace and love in a divine unity that reflects beautiful diversity.***

***Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:26-28***

**8:00am - Worship and Communion Service - Sanctuary**

**9:00am - Contemporary - Stainton Room**

**10 - 10:45 - Sunday School**

**11am - Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**

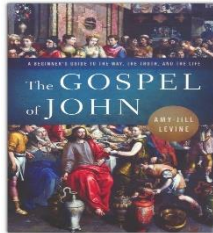
You can learn more about our worship, ministries, and other events on our website, [www.makingwaves.church](http://www.makingwaves.church). You can also stop in or contact the church office at 609-399-2988 if you want to know more, if you need help, or if you are able to donate your time and energy. 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, The Abbott Family, Abby, Amelia, Brandon, Charlie, Neddy, Nicole, Megan Atkinson, Lee Allen, June Appleton, Matt Bechta, Deb Belcher, Bill Bender, Alice Brown, Bill Z, Ed C., Donna Chapman, Josie Chivalette, Joyce Pullan Copeland, Frank Coppenbarger, Linda Coyle & Family, Bob Cantz, Tina Curione, Evelyn DeFazio, Carol DeMill, Shirley Deming, Rosemarie Duncan, Daniel Durkin, Dee Evangelisti, Eilenberg Family, Dawn Ford, Kim Ford, Denise Gaskill, 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 Hrtyanski, Sandy Hrtyanski, Lois King, John, Judy, Norma Juzwiak, Ed Kenney, 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., 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, Rev. Edward Rusk, Gloria S., 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, Eileen Young; **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 at 10am

Adult Sunday School offering for this program year is: ***The Gospel of John: A Beginner's Guide to The Way, The Truth, and The Life*** by the popular New Testament professor, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Sign up by calling the church office, 609-399-2988 or by contacting Pastor Kathleen ([kathleen@stpoc.org](mailto:kathleen@stpoc.org)). The books are available now.

"AJ," as she is known by her students, is a master in helping us grasp how the gospel would have been understood by it's earliest readers, how it's been interpreted traditionally, and how we can understand it today in the light of Christ.

***The Altar Flowers are for our daughter,  
Kathy Fogarty, in Celebration of her  
Birthday!***

***Love, Mom and Dad***



## Altar Flowers

Do you enjoy seeing the flowers on the altar on Sunday?  
Consider Purchasing the Altar Flowers!!  
It's a Great way to Honor or Remember the One's in Your Life!!  
It will be announced in the Tidings and During the Worship Service!  
\$30 - For Two Vases  
\$25 - Special Basket on the Altar  
Call or Email the Church Office to secure your date!  
(609)-399-2988 / [churchoffice@stpoc.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpoc.org)

## Men's Work Party in Church Parking Lot!

The newly formed Methodist Men's Group will be painting the bumpers  
in the large church parking lot on

**Saturday, October 26, at 9:30am.**  
**All Methodist Men are invited to participate.**

Please bring a paint brush and scraper. We need hoses and electric cords for  
power washing if you have them. Wear older clothes and bring cleanup cloths for  
the water based paint.

### METHODIST MEN'S MINISTRY

**Meets the First Saturday of each month**  
**at 9am in the Fox Room**

St. Peter's UMC's

# ART & TALENT SHOW

**OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**2:30 Art Gallery Opens**  
**4:00 Talent Show**  
**5:00 Refreshments**

**Be A Part of The Show.**  
**Sign up with John Bate**  
**at [Choirboyjohn@comcast.net](mailto:Choirboyjohn@comcast.net)**

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

Our hymns this week are "mostly" familiar! "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" is not "new" to us but we have not sung it in several years!

For many years in some protestant churches "Holy Holy Holy" was the opening hymn every Sunday. In spite of its very limited rhyme scheme, irregular accents, and uneven number of syllables in the various lines , this hymn based on John's vision of God enthroned in heavenly glory is a very popular hymn. The use of the angel's song (Holy Holy Holy) is pure adoration of God. The hymn is filled with apocalyptic language and combines a sense of mystery with God's mercy, power, love and purity.

"God of the Sparrow God of the whale has 6 verses. Each begin with three lines describing who God is. These are followed by two rhetorical questions asking how the creature should respond.

Verse one presents the wonder and beauty of creation and the creatures response is praise.

Verse two talks about natural calamities

Verse three is about hope symbolized by the rainbow and grace symbolized by the grave. The creatures response is Thanksgiving.

Verse four speaks about humanity which is not perfect. The creatures response is to take care of life.

Verse five further notes the challenges that the creature may face, but no matter what, the response is love and peace.

The question is how are all of these expressions expressed. How do we care, or say love and peace? How do we say home?

In verse six God is depicted as loving and timeless. Note that the creature is now a child. We are creatures enjoying the wonders of creation and we are also God's children, loved by Him.

Our response is how do we understand this image of God in us and how are we to live that in the creation we enjoy. Our response should always be love, peace and acceptance.

Our closing hymn this morning is about the love which Christ showed for us, and the love we are expected to show to each other. The hymn originally was a Latin Antiphon from the 9th century. The translator Omar Westendorf was a native of Cincinnati. He composed over 35 hymns and compiled four Catholic Hymnals, culminating in the "People's Mass Book."

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Did you mark your calendar yet:

Jubilate Deo by Dan Forrest Sunday, November 24th at 4:00pm

The Masterworks Choir and Orchestra

This work is in 6 movements and is sung in Latin, English, Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish, Zulu and Chinese..... See you there!!



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# Kids Programs

**Sunday School**  
**Starts Sunday 09/08**  
**10:00am-10:45am**  
**Pre-K to Grade 12**



**Tuesday Nights**  
**Starts Tuesday 09/10**  
**Grades K-6th Grade**  
**5:15 Bells**  
**5:30 Choir**  
**6:00-7:00 Kids in Mission**

Questions? Contact Amy:  
908-278-7076 | amy@stpoc.org

## Church Library Refresh!

**New look and feel coming soon!**

The St. Peter's church library is seeking donations of religious themed and inspired books. If you're ready to downsize your collection and wish to help us refresh our library, please reach out to Brittany Pursell! We will also accept monetary donations to purchase new books! Thank you in advance!!  
brittany@stpoc.org  
609-790-0480



## **Dominican Republic Mission Trip 2025**

This year we will be heading to

Los Cocos the week after Easter; April 21-26, 2025.

We will live with host families in the village. We'll build and paint 2 to 3 homes and visit the new Community Center which provides English Language Classes, a library and skills development program to generate employment opportunities. In the evening we will make new friends with our host families by sharing meals and playing games with local kids. One day we will have off and usually head to the beach for swimming and relaxing!

**If you are looking for something new to try, a way to use your skills to help others or an opportunity to be God's hands and feet in action . . . this is a trip for YOU!!!**

**Join us by signing up with Judy Kelly (9am service) or Nancy Caine (11am service).  
We can't wait to meet you!!**

### **Serving to help others!**

Big thanks to all the volunteers who stayed to help at the Serving on Sunday caring event that happened at 10:00 am this past Sunday. We put together 10 UMCOR cleaning buckets and almost 100 hygiene kits! A fantastic job -well done!

**Thanks to all the enthusiasm we plan to do it again this coming  
Sunday, October 27.**

Bars of soap (please no Ivory), hand towels and nail clippers would be welcome donations. Cash donations will help to offset the cost of the cleaning buckets which value up to \$75 each. UMCOR distributes the buckets and hygiene kits to areas that are affected by flooding and hurricanes. The need has been extremely great this year. **Thank you for your support.**

### **SERVING ON SUNDAY**



#### **The Missions Sunday Team**

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

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!

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



## **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!



### **PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING**

Missions asks that you offer prayers of thanksgiving that the storm that was headed for Cuba last weekend did not develop into a hurricane. The storm was predicted to make landfall over the region where our sister church, La Italiana, is built. They did get a lot of rain but no damage was reported. Their power has been out for several days but this doesn't seem to be related to the storm. Please keep this small church in your prayers for safety and that the needs of these faithful people will be met.

**Thank you and God bless you .**

**Our church has been supporting Cuba's Methodist Churches for more than 10 years by sending funds to buy Bibles and to pay pastor's salaries. La Italiana Methodist Church is a country church with 15 members and 30 children. If you would like to support our sister church in any way, please speak to Joe Neidenger or Judy Kelly.**

**Support Hurricane Relief and Recovery efforts by donating!!!**

**Make checks payable to:**

**St. Peter's UMC**

**Please write "UMCOR -Hurricane" in Memo Line**

Pray for all those impacted by this disaster, as well as first responders and volunteers.  
The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing!

By giving to UMCOR, **100 percent** of your donation will go directly to assist families impacted by the hurricanes. Your generosity will provide immediate relief and also support long-term recovery efforts in communities all across the southeastern United States.



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING CLASSES

Held on Tuesday evenings - 6:30 pm to 8pm in Room 101 at the church!

We support English language beginners as well as learners with some English language competency. Our dedicated teachers are prepared for all levels! ELL has been a ministry of St. Peter's for 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 [constancejpritchard@outlook.com](mailto:constancejpritchard@outlook.com) or 609-231-9059.



Mark your calendar - Tai Chi is on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday's  
9:30 - 10:30 am located on the third floor.

All are Welcome!

## *Grace Circle*

*Come join us on Thursday, November 14th at 12:30  
in the Stainton Room for desserts and a wonderful guest  
speaker!*



## Eve Circle

Next Meeting is October 24th, at 1:00  
at the home of Chris Sauer!



## **Mary Circle**

***Next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 21st***

***St. Peter's Stainton Room - 7:00pm***

***Mary Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.***

***All are Welcome! Books can be picked up in the office!***



### **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](mailto:Janeht927@yahoo.com)**

**Next meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2024  
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](mailto:kathleen@stpoc.org) to express your interest.**



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

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

***Saturday, November 2nd, 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



If you ever wondered how you can help our families directly in Cape May County facing homelessness, you can donate items from the Wish List. The Wishlist of Family Promise is filled with requests for supplies and products that the families often need. The need for hygiene products and cleaning supplies can make a huge difference when we can provide items like these. Right now, a single mother of four in the program is in need of diapers, size 5 and 6.

***Please consider a donation of any of the items on the Wishlist and place them in the clear plastic bin in front of the church office. Thank you kindly.***

***2 Corinthians 9:11***

***"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God".***

### **Wishlist**

Aluminum Foil  
Baby Wipes  
Band-Aids  
Bathroom Cleaning Wipes  
Bleach  
Deodorant  
Dishwashing Liquid  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Facial Tissues  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Floss  
Gallon Plastic Bags  
Hand Sanitizer  
Hand Soap  
Hefty Tall Kitchen Trash Bags  
Lysol Disinfectant Sprays  
Napkins  
Paper Towels  
Paper Plates  
Plastic Cups  
Plastic Knives, Forks, Spoons  
Plastic Sandwich Bags  
Razors  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Toilet Paper  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Q-Tips

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

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



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](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.

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