



## **FALL PROGRAM YEAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**8am – Worship and Communion Service in the Sanctuary**

**9am – Contemporary Service in the Stainton Room**

**10am – Sunday School (starting 9/14)**

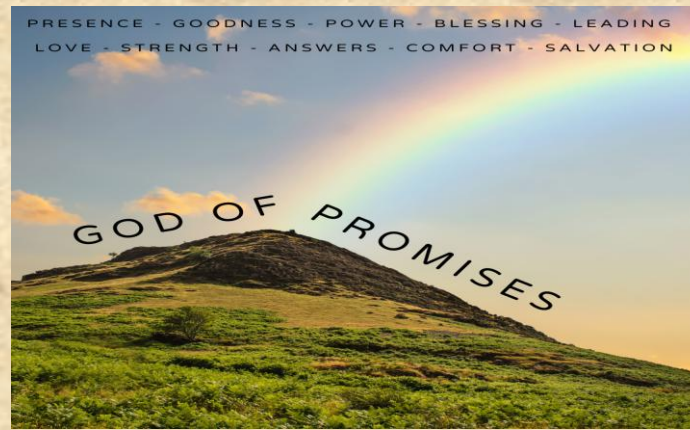
**11:00 – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

You can learn more about our worship, ministries, and other events on our website:

**[WWW.MAKINGWAVES.CHURCH](http://WWW.MAKINGWAVES.CHURCH)** Church office: 609-399-2988 or **[churchoffice@stpoc.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpoc.org)**

**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.**

**09/11/2025**



***Join us in Worship, Sunday, September 14, 2025***

***~ with Pastor Erik Hall***

***Sermon Titled – Grace Filled***

***Scripture Reading: John 4:7-14***

***As faithful followers of Jesus, we embrace both justice and mercy in our ministry and mission to the world. When God is with us, we are able to help heal the hurts that vulnerable people suffer, while also speaking truth to power and advocating for just and systemic solutions that prevent those hurts in the first place.***



**St. Peter's UMC will hold our Annual Church  
Conference Thursday October 2nd at 7pm here at  
St. Peter's UMC.**

**All church members are encouraged to attend.**



## **God-Sized Mission:**

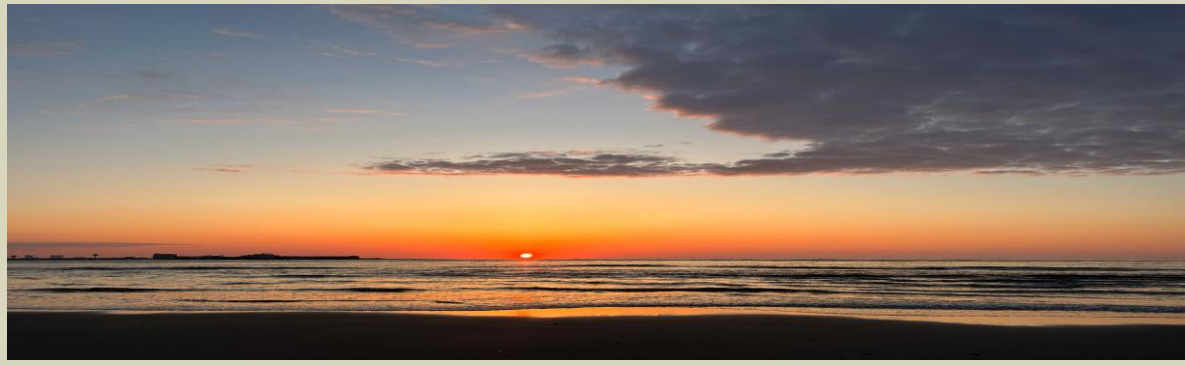
### **Biblical Journeys Following God's Call**

All year the people of St. Peter's have been prayerfully discerning a calling from God: to engage our community on a deeper level with the Gospel of Jesus.

Join Pastor Erik for this **three-week** study series exploring some faithful people on important journeys as they follow God's call. Then, participate in a conversation exploring and discovering a God-Sized Mission for St. Peter's!

**Pastor's Study & Discussion Series Begins  
9/15/2025.**

**Monday Mornings 10am-11am (IN-PERSON) and  
Tuesday Evenings: 7pm -8pm (IN-PERSON or ZOOM).**



## **Christian Mindfulness & Meditation**

**Mondays 9:00-9:30am; Wednesdays 7:00-7:30pm**

**Location: Northernmost beach in Ocean City  
(park in lot on E. Newcastle Rd)**

***Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)*** Our hectic lives rarely seem still. This can lead to stress, distraction, and anxiousness. As we seek to grow in faith, and develop our relationship with God, it is healthy to center our bodies, minds, and spirits daily. Through relaxation, mindful breathing, spiritual music, scriptural reflection, silent prayer, and listening for God learn and practice Christian mindfulness and meditation and become more aware of the divine presence of God in every moment. Contact Pastor Erik ([erik@stpoc.org](mailto:erik@stpoc.org)) for details.





# **THE ART OF SCRIPTURE**

**Join Us as We Create Art Using  
Scripture as Our Inspiration.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month**

**Starts June 10, 2025**

**7:00-8:00**

**Adults and Teens Welcome!**

**Contact Amy: 908-278-7076**



**Andrea, Marilyn Aishton, The Abbott Family, Abby, Amelia, (Baby)-Jett Ruff, Brandon, Charlie, Huey, Jennifer, Ken&Debbie, Mazie, Nicole, Peter, Megan Atkinson, Lee Allen, Carol Angelo, June Appleton, Jessica B., Matt Behta, Bill Bender, Auntie “B” Bingham, Melinda Braet, Alice Brown, Bill Z, Ed C., Frank Carlin, Elise Chapman, Donna Chapman, Josie Chivalette, Sean Coleman, Linda Coyle & Family, Bob Cantz, Tina Curione, Penny DaGrossa, Tammy & Analisa Decker, Evelyn DeFazio, Carol DeMill, Larry & Shirley Deming, Shirley Doerrmann & Family, Rosemarie Duncan, Daniel Durkin, Kim Ford, Christa Fries, Denise Gaskill, Emma May Goddard, Frank J. Grass, Eddy Gray, Kim Gremo, Julie Mason Groob, Nick Hand, Clara Hanjian and Family, Chris Harris, Bob Harris, Shirley Haskell, Bob Hill, Katy Hornike, Sharon Hotchkiss, Annie Houdart, Lukasz Hrabski, Kevin Hrtyanski, Sandy Hrtyanski, Bill Hullihen, John, Judy, Norma Juzwiak, Ron and Pat Kaiser, Ed Kenny, Karen Kenny, Lois King, Constantine Kokkinos, Normalee Linforth, Mike Kubaska, Wayne Maguire, David (Mac) Mascione & Family, Bobbie Mario, Chris Marple, Don Marple, Kenny Marple, Wanda Marple, Melinda Mayne, David Mason, Paul M., Bill McCord, Helen McNamara, Vic M., Olga Messina, Helen Miller, Al Nicolosi, Bernice Nolte, Tracey O'Brien, Peggy & Steve Oden, Charlene Oldfield, Marianne Oliver, The Ostien Family, Eleanor Parker, George Pierpoint III, Gail Poholsky, Haley Raineer, Sandra Rigg, Joan Robertson, Zacci Robertson, Barbara & Joe Rodrigues, Rev. Edward Rusk, Gloria S., Jack Sanders, Margaret Schock, Jillian Schoenstein, Carol Schoff, Joe Skultin, Barbara Smith, George and Angel Smith, Robin Smith, Jacob Snow, Manfred Stahl, Spear Family, Swen Swenson, Tom Thompson, Ken Thorpe, Bob Vallerschamp and Family, Pauline Wallace, Dawn Wassinger, Lois Werner, Bill Woods, Izzy Zalescik and Tom Kenn.**

**all people with cancer diagnose; and all unspoken requests.**

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

## **JOIN CHOIR! SING FOR.....**

**I don't sing because I'm happy. I'm happy because I sing! Possibly the most important aspect of choral singing is how people (children, youth and adults) become community. There is a sense of belonging, social connection, social identity, group cohesion and purpose.**

**St Peter's Choir invites you....**

**Rehearsals are: Friday's (starting September 5th) at 6:00pm and Sunday at 10:00am...**

**Masterworks Choir invites you....**

**Rehearsals begin: Friday, September 19th at 7:15pm and our concert is Sunday**

**November 23rd at 4:00pm "Missa Regensis - Ugis Praulins**

**(more about this very interesting piece of music.....)**

**St. Peter's Handbell Choir begins rehearsals on Tuesday. September 16th at 6:15pm**

**WATCH THIS SPACE: We are beginning a program of Handbells and Choir for our children with Kathy Heller and Erik Wagner... Dates and times will be announced!!**





**St. Peter's United Methodist Church**  
**Annual Golf Outing benefitting St. Peter's Missions**  
**"FORE GUATEMALA"**



**Heritage Links Golf Club**

1375 Rt. 9, Ocean View, NJ

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Lunch at 12 noon \*\* Tee Time 1:00 pm**

**\$60 per person    \$100 Hole Sponsor**

**Prizes \* First & Second Low Gross Scramble  
Closest to Pin & Longest Drive (Men & Women)  
50/50, Mulligans, & Silent Auction Gift Baskets**

**Contact Marilyn Curley to Register: 610-299-2001**

**Make checks payable to: St. Peter's UMC – "Golf" in memo line**



**St. Peter's United Methodist Church**  
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**Consider Donating Prizes, Gift Cards or Event Tickets for our Silent Auction**

- \*Do you have a rental house or condo that you would be willing to auction off for a long weekend in the Fall or Spring??**
- \*Would you be willing to donate a themed Basket for the silent auction?**
- \*Do you have season tickets to the Phillies, Eagles, 76ers, Flyers, Union that you would be willing to donate 2-4 of these tickets to the auction??**
- \*Do you have ticket(s) to local College Sporting events that you might be willing to donate to the silent auction??**

**Call Marilyn Curley to donate: 610-299-2001**

## **St. Peter's Mission Team and Macedonia UMC Needs Your Help!**

You can help clothe some Middle Schoolers in the central part of our county who come from disadvantaged families!  
A request has gone out for the following clothing items.

**Youth sizes 10-16 please.**

**Girls:** leggings, plain colors s-m-lg-ex lg, no prints please

**Boys:** shorts (gym, basketball style), sizes 10-16 Shirts for boys or girls, long or short sleeve, youth sizes- ex small-  
ex large

**Sneakers- boys & girls-** sizes 5, 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, 8

Collection boxes will be outside the church office and at the back of the sanctuary.

These are hard times for many families even here in our county. You can be a blessing to someone in need!

Thank you for helping St Peter's Missions by providing new clothing for these students.

*"Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up."*

*Galatians 6:9*

SAINT PETER'S YOUTH

# BEACH GATHERING

FALL PROGRAM YEAR KICKOFF



6TH-12TH  
GRADE

..... YOU'RE INVITED .....

**PIZZA - GAMES - FUN**

**SUN | SURF RD BEACH**

**SEPT. 14, 2025**

**6:00PM-8:00PM**

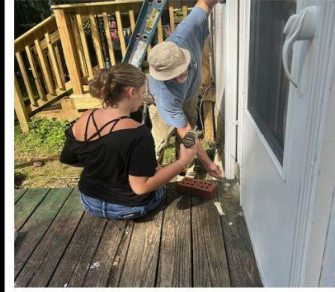
RSVP TO AMY: [AMY@STPOC.ORG](mailto:AMY@STPOC.ORG)

BY FRIDAY, 09/12/2025

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# 2025 Mission Trip Red Bird Mission



Thank You St. Peter's  
For All Your Support!



St. Peter's UMC  
**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP**  
~ App and Chat ~  
**THIS MONTH'S PICK . . .**

**Hello Beautiful**

***By: Ann Napolitano***  
***September 22nd, 7pm to 8pm***

**We'll enjoy an APPetizer as we chat about great books!**  
**Email Amy with any questions: [amy@stpoc.org](mailto:amy@stpoc.org)**

**Do you know we have a monthly breakfast group of Christian women?**

**Do you know we want you to be a part of it? We do!**

**We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30  
at Fitzpatrick's in Somers Point.**

**Please try and fit us into your schedule, it's a lovely way to start the day.  
I send reminders and simply need you to confirm you are coming so Fitz's can  
have a place set for you at our table.**

**Let me know if you want to be added to the email list!  
Bring a friend. Church membership is not required!  
Come once...come always.**



**Jane Taylor**

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

**609-412-1855**



# **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, September 16, 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."**



## *Grace Circle*

Grace Circle will meet in the Fox room on  
Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.  
Alana Maldonado, Executive Director of  
The Branches, will be our speaker.  
Everyone is welcome!!

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## *Mary Circle*

Mary Circle will meet in the Stainton room on  
Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
All are welcome to attend!



**Shop for a good cause!**  
**Purchase a \$5 shopping pass from FOBCAS**  
**and get 25% off at Boscov's on October 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**The \$5 Shopping pass maybe be purchased from your circle leader**  
**or**  
**From the Church office – Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm**  
**Friday from 9am until noon!**



## ***The Women of Faith***

The Christmas Treasure Sale is November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Currently, we are accepting your Christmas treasure items ONLY!

Look through those boxes and bags for treasures!!!

We thank you for all your donations.



**Blood Drive**  
**St. Peter's United Methodist Church**

**Stainton Room**  
**501 E. 8th Street**  
**Ocean City, NJ 08226**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025**  
**2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: stpetersumc to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.  
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.  
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



**Give blood 8/29 to 9/21 for 1 of 4 mystery tees with an iconic Red Cross x PEANUTS design, ltd. qty!**

**Download the Blood Donor App | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS**

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**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY'S**  
**9:30 - 10:30 AM**  
**LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**FOR INFORMATION EMAIL GINNY AT**  
**[V.STRANG@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:V.STRANG@ICLOUD.COM)**



# **JUST US TOGETHER**

**THIRD WEDNESDAYS  
ST PETER'S UMC  
6:30PM  
ROOM 209**





We are looking for a few people to help as ushers for the Traditional service. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve and meet great people. As an usher you get to be the friendly greeter as people enter our beautiful church. By providing a smile and a warm welcome you may be the reason people return and possibly become members. We also get to reconnect with our members each week. Presently we have 7 teams which means most ushers are only obliged to serve once every 7 weeks.

If you are willing to join our great group and serve St. Peter's please contact Gary Swenson at 609-220-6643.



## **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.**





**St. Peter's Hospitality**  
**Volunteers Needed To:**  
**Prepare Meals**  
**Deliver Meals**  
**Be a Calling Captain**  
**Call the office for more info!**  
**609-399-2988**

## **METHODIST MEN'S MINISTRY**

**We are Ready and available to volunteer  
for whatever projects you may have!!!**

**Just give Keith Hartzell a Call at 609-289-1484**

***Veterans Coffee Club (aka)  
"A Cup of Joe"***

**Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 9am**

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

**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!



Website



Facebook



Venmo



Wallets



General



## 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](https://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

# ***Welcome Friends!***

***At the 'Making Waves Church' we are growing in faith, hope, and love as we follow Jesus in ministry and mission. Maybe you have been looking for God, and you sense God's presence here in our midst. Maybe you are new to the city and are looking for a church home. Maybe you are looking to reconnect with your faith. The important thing is that you are here, Jesus loves you, and maybe God has a plan for us to journey in faith and life together!***

***Take a moment to connect with our pastors, staff, greeters, or church leaders today and let's get to know each other. You can also contact Pastor Erik Hall during the week.***

***We are excited for all God is doing and we look forward to seeing you again at St. Peter's UMC***