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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

Centered in Christ and empowered by
God's Spirit, we love, grow and serve.

Our core values:

- Christ centered
- Open minded
- Caring
- Welcoming
- Generous

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Affirmation of Welcome

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation and strive to welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, ability and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. Welcome to all who seek Christ's love and grace.

This is a place where you are welcome to rejoice and lament, seek healing and offer service. Welcome in the name of Jesus.

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What's Happening In December



Our 9:30 AM Sunday in-person worship is live streamed, [click here to view from our website](#), or on our YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCON8nsKN_ta0bhJFr20uMHg

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Recurring Events

Tuesdays @ 8:10 am - St. Peter's Sojourners' Walking Group
Tuesday, December 14 & 28 @ 10:00 am - Centering Prayer (at church)
Thursdays @ 7 pm - AA Meeting

See page 21 for Calendar and [our website](#) for the most up to date events.

Centering Prayer

Tuesday, 12/14 & 12/28 @ 10:00 am - Mark Classroom

Kathy Teahan from St. Mary of Magdala will be leading this. All are welcome. Contact Kathy at kathyteahan@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

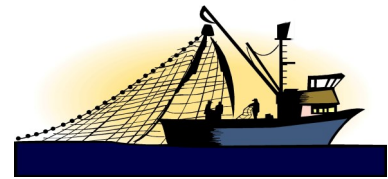


The Reopening Task Force News

We prepared our next set of guidelines - loosening up a number of restrictions - and are as eager as many of you are to implement them. However, as of now (Nov. 22) Barnstable County as well as the town of Harwich are in the red, with Covid cases rising, and positivity in Harwich at 7%. **We will therefore continue with our present protocols of masking inside the church building and during worship.** We are pleased that attendance and energy at worship has been up, and we want to keep it that way while keeping everyone safe, especially as we approach the holidays. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.
The Pastors, Karen Beggs, Tom Shields and Jane Wordsworth



View From the Deck



Reflections on the Psalms and our Sabbatical

If you could compile a collection of the prayers you have prayed over the course of your life, from childhood to present, whether out loud or in the silence of your heart, whether alone or with others, what would stand out? Do they reflect the worst and best times of your life, your deepest losses as well as your greatest joys? If someone could read or hear our prayers 100 years from now, what would they learn about us? What would they learn about our relationship with God, God's presence and movement in our lives?

The Psalms are often referred to as the Prayer Book within the scripture. One can study the psalms and their structures, and categorize them generally as psalms of lament or praise. More specifically, one can find wisdom psalms, creation psalms, imprecatory psalms (expressing anger and confusion over incomprehensible or undeserved suffering), royal psalms, psalms of trust, and psalms of enthronement. More simply put, the psalms are the prayers of the people of God. They are our prayers. They reflect every possible human emotion and bring them all before God. Commenting on the psalm laments, scholar Pierre Wolff would have us ask of ourselves: "Do we love God enough to tell all?" Patrick Miller, whom Tiffany and I had as a professor at Princeton Seminary said, "The psalms speak both for us and to us something of God's way with us."

On our Sabbatical we had the opportunity to study the psalms with Luther Seminary Old Testament Scholar Rolf Jacobsen. We read one of his books and then met with him individually for five hours over several days. We had the opportunity to experience the psalms in daily worship by going on retreat to Benedictine monasteries in Minnesota and California. Benedictines live by the motto "Prayer and work;" they also place great value on hospitality. Monastic worship follows the "Liturgy of the Hours" where one prays Vigils, Lauds (morning prayers), Mass, Vespers (evening prayer), Compline (night prayer). Much of this worship involves chanting the psalms. This provided more than enough opportunity for worship immersion! Tiffany and I also focused on our own creative disciplines: for me this meant having the space and time to write poetry and prayers in the style of the psalms, for Tiffany this meant creating a daily visual-arts journal based on the psalms.



View From the Deck

Sabbatical offered other surprises as well, an opportunity to see the George Floyd Square and memorial, witnessing both grief and hope. We had the opportunity to share a meal with Luther Seminary's president and hear about her reflections about a changing Church. We were able to visit the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. We also had opportunities for some recreational renewal, kayaking on the Mississippi, sailing in Buzzards Bay, and taking many walks wherever we were. Following the stress of a Covid year (2 years?!), adjusting to being "empty nesters," Sabbatical offered an opportunity for refreshment, reflection and renewal. In short, we want to say, "THANK YOU." Over the coming year, we hope to use the psalms in new ways, offer new studies and creative opportunities for the congregation to engage and immerse in the psalms more deeply, this wonderful prayerbook that invites us into a deeper understanding of ourselves, and a deeper relationship with God.

Pastor Christian

Help needed / Ministry opportunities

These three things are true:

- ✝ We are the church, the body of Christ for the sake of the world.
- ✝ We are a busy church, with many ministries being done around our building, throughout our towns, and in our neighborhoods.
- ✝ And we need help.

In order to keep some of these ministries alive and vibrant we need volunteers to assist. Three particular ministries of note this month:

Altar flowers get delivered to church members who need a little extra love. If you can pick up the flowers after church some Sundays and deliver them with a special card the office prepares, that would be a joyful ministry that lightens someone's day.

Day Greeters are the first people you see or hear when you come to the church or call on the phone. If you can answer the phone or direct visitors in the building, that would be a helpful ministry of welcome and hospitality.

Ushers practice the ministry of hospitality as well, helping people who worship with us feel comfortable here. The worship leaders meet on Sundays at 9:00 am to get oriented to any special activities going on that Sunday.

Training is provided. **All we need is you.**

Please volunteer by contacting Joanie at the church office (508) 432-5172.

"from the Organ Bench"

by Maggie Ribb



Greetings to everyone in this season of Advent - the "new year" in church. I want to first thank everyone for abundantly welcoming me to St. Peter's. The warmth of the people of this parish is really something to behold, and it is particularly appreciated as I find my way as your Minister of Music.

So as Pastor Tiffany has reminded us, Advent does mark a new church year. I have to say that of all the liturgical seasons, the hymn choices appointed for the season of Advent are my very favorites, and are definitely the most fun to play. There is such a broad spectrum of voice and mood in the texts and music; a very rich heritage of hymnody indeed.

It has been a pleasure to hear you all sing with such gusto! I hope you are beginning to feel that you are "getting your voices back" and we can all pray that it will remain so. I know that the choirs are enjoying being with one another again on a regular basis, and it reminds us that being a part of a choir, and yes, a congregation -- singing (and ringing) together is about a lot more than the music we make. Biologists and psychologists have proven over and over that congregational music making has benefits well beyond the simple act of sharing sound. (More about this when I have a little less practicing to do - conversations for the new year).

Advent and Christmas music preparations have been under way, and there is more to do. I would encourage anyone who has musical gifts to share during this very special time to step up and let me know how you would like to participate, as some of you already have. While we proceed safely day by day, tip-toeing really in light of the pandemic, I know we will find ways to offer our best worship and praise as we celebrate the birth of the One who has brought us all together.

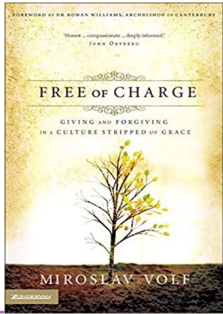
Blessings and peace in this season of Advent,
Joyful wishes for Christmas and the year ahead --

Maggie

Christian Education

Bible Study for Women

Our current book is Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace by theologian Miroslav Volf.



The group will meet December 8 and 15 at 7 pm in person and via Zoom.

Song and Scripture: An Advent Study w. Pr. Christian

December 5, 12 & 19, 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall.

How do the hymns we sing help shape our faith?
What scriptures or biblical themes do these songs draw on or reflect?

This Advent-Christmas, we invite you to delve a little deeper into our scriptures and hymns. Come join us for conversation and learning.

Dec. 5: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Dec. 9: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"
"He Came Down"
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Dec. 16: "Away In A Manger"
"O, Little Town of Bethlehem"
"Once in Royal David's City"
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Sunday School will start again
in January**

JustPeace



Education in a bottle

Our olive oil from the Tree Of Life Educational Fund for your holiday gifting will be available after worship on December 12.
\$25 for a bottle with gift bag or \$20 for a tin

Below is another story from a young man in Palestine who has benefited from our scholarship dollars and is now giving back to his community

We on the JustPeace team thank you for your support.

Christmas blessings & peace to all.

Nancy Hallberg-Emerson

My name is Anas Alkhateeb, a refugee originally from Beit Etah village and a resident of Dheisheh refugee camp in Bethlehem. An architecture graduate from Birzeit University, I specialize in preserving historical buildings that hold the Palestinian identity within its stones. I'm a volunteer at Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society in so many different activities and programs, including Dabka dance, theater, and social programs that target children and youth in the Palestinian society. Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society is one of the most outstanding NGOs in the Palestinian community, where it covers all fields of interests. This includes arts, theater, music, culture, and social fields. Me being part of this society gave me the opportunity to build my personality and to widen my knowledge. One of the most outstanding programs Alrowwad does is the student fund program in partnership with Tree of Life, that covers university students' tuitions. I was one of the beneficiaries of this program where Alrowwad help me not only with my school tuition, but also with my transportation and accommodation expenses. By which this program was the helping hand for me for plenty of my semesters, and made it easier for my parents to help me with my studies. I could never be more grateful for Alrowwad's major help ever since my childhood and my adulthood. Alrowwad helped me finding my interests, shaping my personality and in making me the engineer I am today. My deep thanks to Alrowwad and Tree of Life.



Thank you!

JustPeace



If you have watched The Great British Baking Show, you remember the exhortation, "Bake!"

We invite you to take that admonition to heart and bake something to share this Sunday. Breads or other baked goods are all welcome. Offerings will be on a table in the narthex. If you take something home please make a contribution to support **Bread for the World**.

BFW is a faith-based advocate in Congress which supports funding for nutritional support both nationally and internationally.

Currently BFW is supporting the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021. The 1000 day window between conception and age 2 is critical for childhood development. This act will provide funds to be invested in high-impact nutrition programs including prenatal vitamins, support to breastfeed, vitamin A supplementation, and life-saving treatment for severely malnourished children.

Thank you for your contributions!
Your JustPeace Team

Faith, Hope and Love: A Message from the Stewardship Team

If you have not already done so, won't you please make a giving pledge to St. Peter's Lutheran Church to support our ministries, and join us in worship as we gather in person or across the internet.



Your participation makes a difference in nurturing faith, hope and love in today's difficult world. You can make your pledge by returning an estimate of giving card received in the mail or by calling the church office.

With gratitude from the Stewardship Team



We welcomed a family seeking asylum from Cuba on November 15th, 3 days after meeting them on Zoom, 6 days after they crossed the border, and 3 months after they started their 13 -country journey from S. America (Uruguay).

We have a group of 19 Accompaniment volunteers, most from St. Peter's congregation, but also from several other congregation, trained in September, whom Safe Harbors is sponsoring. Together, our welcome and accompaniment teams are helping the family (who are not allowed to apply for a work authorization until about 6 months after their asylum application, but are in the US legally) to settle in to the home we are leasing. We are providing them with clothing, food, transportation, assistance in accessing health, mental health, dental and eye services, helping them to find an experienced immigration attorney, and educating them about our culture. We are learning from each other, and have become familiar with google/translate, and wonderful organizations like the Family Pantry. Our Safe Harbors rented home is fully furnished, and located a few blocks from a park, and from the bike trail, and the dad, Adail, got a broken bike in the garage fixed and usable on the first day! We are not currently recruiting volunteers until at least 2022, but appreciate your financial and community support.

If you speak Spanish, we could use more volunteers with some Spanish skills for certain tasks, Adail, Lisvania and 'almost' 2 year-old Keilany attended our service last week and felt welcomed, even though only Lisvania speaks some English. We are thankful to meet them and appreciated the "Bienvenido" from the congregation last week.

If you have questions about Safe Harbors, please email or leave a message for Cathy Samples at 617-462-1540 or email cathryn.samples@childrens.harvard.edu .

SUSANNA STEPHEN BOARD

The Susanna Stephen Board is your outreach ministry here at St. Peter's for financial support of projects locally, nationally and globally. Established by action of the 2007 Congregational Meeting, its purpose is to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ in striving for justice and peace, focusing on programs that feed, clothe and shelter those in need, as well as training or scholarship support that promotes peace and justice.

Currently eight members of the congregation serve on this Board: Kim Anstey, Trish Crocker, Pr. Christian Holleck, Janet Larson, Andrea Michaels, Rodney Schuller, Jay Tichenor and Bill Vaughan.

Members of St. Peter's are encouraged to consider completing an application for some outreach ministry you would like to see supported. Applications are available in the church office.

St. Peter's Sojourners

Now that many of you are vaccinated, we've changed our procedures for weekly walks together. We continue to invite new walkers and ask that they [email jay.tichenor@gmail.com](mailto:jay.tichenor@gmail.com) if they wish to join the group and get updated info on where our walks will be. We will once again meet at the church parking lot for car pooling, at 8:10 am Tuesdays.

Masks are not required for the walk but must be worn if breakfast establishments require them. We always plan on going to breakfast after each walk.

For those wishing to know the meeting place for the start of each walk if it's more convenient & closer than the church, directions for the trail head will be sent each week. The Sojourners walk at different locations on the Cape each week, and we're always open to a new trail we've not tried before, perhaps it might be your favorite.

Peace, Jay Tichenor



Loaves and Fish Pantry

We are very grateful for the donations of toys and gift cards for the Lower Cape Outreach Council's Holiday Drive.

Families will be able to come this week and select gifts for their children thanks to our many generous church and community members.

As always, we appreciate your donations. Stayed tuned to the yellow insert for our weekly updates on the needs of the pantry.





Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Peter's prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Friday, December 3rd and Friday, December 17th at 1:30 in the Luther room.

Come and join us to knit or crochet as we share a quiet, prayerful time of fellowship. If you are in need of yarn, needles or a new pattern to try we have some available.

For more information contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@o Boyle.net.



Esther Circle

A Huge THANK YOU to all who helped with the Cranberry Fair - both those who contributed items for sale and those who purchased them (often you are the same people!). Your generosity is very much appreciated! The fair was very successful and the organizations to whom we will donate funds will undoubtedly be grateful.

Thanks, also, for donations for the New England Seafarers Mission "Buoy Boxes." If you are still shopping for the items on your card you may continue to bring them in. Donations of wrapping paper will be gratefully accepted for this project. If you have any questions about shopping, wrapping or packing the boxes please contact Mary Hansen-Joyce at 508-280-7983.

We have decided to meet in January for our traditional holiday lunch - date and location to be determined.

For more information about Esther Circle please contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@o Boyle.net.



Sacred Sorrow

"Grief is neither a problem to be solved nor a difficulty to be overcome. It is a sacred expression of love; a sacred sorrow."

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, December 12th at 7:00 PM. This is believed to be the largest mass candle lighting on the globe as it creates a virtual 24 hour wave of light as it travels from time zone to time zone in memory of sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and grandchildren who left too soon. In past years we have attended a lovely memorial service and candle lighting at the South Chatham Community Church. To be determined if it is being held this year. In

its place, bereaved parents and others can hold a candle lighting memorial at home beginning at 7:00 and lasting for an hour.

The holidays can be difficult for bereaved parents. Do (or don't do) whatever you need to survive. Perhaps find something that will be in memory of your child. Go to a place or do an activity you enjoyed with your child. Cook your child's favorite dish. Or do something completely different. Maybe start a new tradition. Whatever you decide, do what feels right.

Wishing you peace during this season of light.

For more information about Sacred Sorrow or just to chat please contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@o Boyle.net.

P.S.A.L.M.
People Sharing and Loving More

Merry Christmas to you and yours.



*May you enjoy a New Year filled with peace,
joy, blessings and good health.*

With much gratitude we report that the PSALM Group had the most successful Cranberry Fair EVER!



A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who shared their time and talents to assist with the Cranberry Fair. Your dedication and support will allow us to care for 68 homeless and at-risk students at Christmas and also to provide support to the Adopt-A-Family Program and our own Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.



A special Thank You to the St. Peter's men for manning the Lunch To Go Café and for your work and dedication with cleanup.

The P.S.A.L.M. group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on:

January **NO MEETING** - time to settle down for a long winter's nap!
February 10, 2022 business meeting & fellowship
March 10, 2022 business meeting & fellowship

**Chase the cold winter BLAHS and
join us for a night of warm fellowship.**

Through the Lens of Science with Doug...

Doug Kenney is a retired science teacher who lives at Regal Care of Harwich and joyfully shares a monthly newsletter article with us. Call him at 508 430-6309.

December 2021



Did you know the Latin derivation of "solstice" is "sun-still" and the derivation of "equinox" is "equal-night"? The Earth's winter solstice falls on December 22 when its axis is tilted away from the sun causing sunlight to strike the earth at an angle in the northern hemisphere causing temperatures to decrease. The summer solstice falls on June 22 when its axis is tilted towards the sun causing sunlight to fall directly onto the Tropic of Cancer 23.4° north of the equator. The equinoxes of March 22 and September 22 occur when the sun shines directly onto the equator causing 12 hours of sunlight and 12 hours of darkness everywhere on earth. That happens on the Earth is halfway between its two solstices. The 2021 Winter Solstice will occur on December 21st.

The word "stice" (still) describes what the sun looks like when it reaches the end of its apparent motion across the western horizon from north to south in the fall and south to the north in the spring. On June 22, the sun sets at about 305° on the northwest horizon (the summer solstice), and it appears to remain at that bearing until it begins moving southward along the western horizon. In other words, the sun appears to be **still** on June 22. For the next six months, the sun moves southward until it comes to another still position at 235° in the southwest when it sets on December 22 (the winter solstice). On the eastern horizon, the sun rises over the northeast at a 55° bearing on June 22, then on December 22, it rises over the southeast at a bearing of 125°.

The above bearings and dates are based on my 41° North latitude which gives a span of sunlight on the western horizon between 235° and 305°. On the eastern horizon the span would fall between 55° and 125°. The total span is about 70° on each horizon. In conclusion, seasons are a function of the Earth's tilt of 23.4°. The less the tilt, the less the change there would be. The more the tilt, the more severe seasonal change would be.

PASTOR'S RESPONSE BY CHRISTIAN HOLLECK

Doug describes summer and winter solstices and how the angle at which the earth is tilted towards the sun affects our seasons. Most of us, even without understanding all the science, experience the changes in temperature and daylight. We notice how the sun rises and sets in a different place on the horizon in summer and winter. We notice the shorter daylight hours and the more pronounced shadows. We hold a special worship service on the "Longest Night" of the year. Here are three scriptural references to the sun you may not be familiar with:

Sun- a supernatural phenomenon: "On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel... The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day... (Joshua 10:12, 13)"

Sun as metaphor for God : "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor... (Ps.84:11)"

Sun as metaphor for Jesus, the Son of Man "His face was like the sun, shining in all its brilliance. (Rev.1:16)"

God shines brighter than the sun: "The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end. (Isaiah 60:19)."

HOLIDAY TO DO LIST

Be

1. ~~Buy~~ presents.
2. Wrap gifts. **someone in a hug.**
3. Send ~~gifts~~. **peace.**

Donate

4. ~~Shop for~~ food.
5. Make ~~cookies~~. **friends**

Be

6. ~~See~~ the lights.



Take time this season to be present, spread peace,
be generous with those in need, make friends
and be the LIGHT!



You are warmly welcomed to
join us for

The Longest Night: A Service of Hope and Healing

Held on the longest night of the year,
this service is for those of us who struggle
to find the joy in this holiday season.

If you are struggling with grief, loneliness, depression, hurt, anger,
the loss of a loved one, find yourself far from relatives or feel
stressed, and you are having a hard time feeling God's presence
in this Advent season, come and worship with us.

December 21
7:00 pm



It's time to order

Poinsettias are \$14 each.

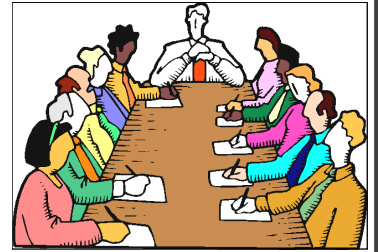
Please send payment to the church by Sunday, December 12.

Flower envelopes are available in the Narthex or you can just put # of
poinsettias ordering in the check's memo. Or [Click here](#) for the online order
form.

Contact us at (508) 432-5172 or office@stpeterscapecod.org, if you have any
questions.

Council Corner notes

Notes from the Council Meeting of November 16



Officers and Pastors' reports highlights:

The Treasurer reported that actual October income is \$24,616.47 with \$21,452.42 from offerings. Facilities use is higher due to Chatham Chorale and Spaulding exercise group. Net Operating deficit is \$6507.22 compared to projected deficit of \$25,473.90.

The Pastors have returned from Sabbatical and expressed gratitude for the Sabbatical. A sabbatical presentation was made to the Congregation on November 14. They are working to welcome the new music minister Maggie Ribb. New members will be received on November 21.

Council meeting business highlights:

1. The Re-opening Task Force reports that they continue to meet and monitor our protocols. Fans and A/C units will be used rather than open windows in colder weather. Conditions will be monitored for further changes.
2. Stewart Painting finished painting the building and has been paid.
3. Ruth Brenneman will be replacing Aline Glifort who is retiring as Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry manager. The Council would like to thank Aline for her many years of dedicated service.
4. Safe Harbors Ministry has received a family of 3 including a 2-year old child from Cuba to sponsor. They arrived on November 15 and are residing in the rental house. Volunteers pulled together food and supplies quickly. Spanish speaking volunteers would be helpful.
5. Broad Reach Hospice Bereavement Group for people who have lost spouses or children will be meeting weekly on Tuesday afternoons in the church building.

Ministry team reports highlights:

Esther Circle and PSALM group are very busy preparing for the Cranberry Fair on November 20.

2. JustPeace/Reconciling in Christ is finishing Hope for the Holidays Christmas card project and noted that a donation for aid to Afghanistan was made.
3. A Veteran's Day recognition event was held.
4. Stewardship reported that pledge appeal activities are complete and we are awaiting the response from the members and friends.

Submitted by Peg Flood

Financial Status - October 31, 2021

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$290,854.	\$290,635.
Expense	\$297,361.	\$316,109.
Net Income	\$ (6,507.)	\$ (25,474.)



NOTES AND LETTERS



Dear members of St. Peter's,
Thank you so much fo the care package. My roommates and I enjoyed it.
Thanks for thinking of me.

Molly Keating
Dean College

Pastor Tiffany,

Thank you to you, and the Church for putting together this wonderful care package for me! I am still forever grateful to always be a part of the Church, and this care package lifted up my spirits tremendously!

Again thank you so much!

Sincerely,

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Shop smile.amazon.com and choose St. Peter's Lutheran Church. When you shop AmazonSmile you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to St. Peter's. Over \$325.00 has been received to date this year.

Welcome to our new members!



Pictured L to R: Pastors Tiffany & Christian, Laura & Brian Carlstrom, Tammy Hines, Suzanne and Rev. Bruce Bassett, Fay Sargent, Council Rep. Marianne O'Boyle, Dr. Tony Esposito, and Jane Silveria. Screenshot from livestream worship.

In worship on The Reign of Christ Sunday, November 21, we were glad to welcome two classes of new members to St. Peter's.

The November 2021 class included four new siblings in Christ.

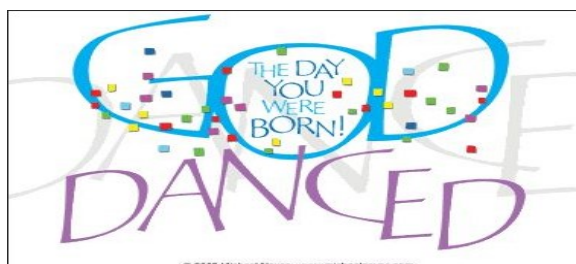
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We also formally welcomed the February - March 2020 class, who would have joined the first Sunday we closed for COVID. That class included Cindy and Cliff Emmons, Jane Silveria, Laura and Brian Carlstrom, Ruth-Anne and Brian O'Gorman, and Tony Esposito as new Members; Aaron and Joanna O'Gorman as Associate Members; and Daniel Horgan as Friend of the church.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries



Cheryl	Nixon	December	2
Tom	Christensen	December	3
Justin	Sontag	December	4
Wayne	Anstey	December	6
William	Crocker	December	8
Skyeler	Sandison	December	8
Marge	Stramowski	December	10
Christine	Johnson	December	11
John	Padgett	December	14
Christian	Holleck	December	15
Sam	Hammond	December	22
Megan	Kaser	December	23
Linda	Czech	December	25
Gretchen	Widegren	December	26
David	Coomber	December	26
Kathy	Glifort	December	27
Nicholas	Kulak	December	27
Doris	Copoulos	December	28
Anastacia	Athas	December	28
Peter	Huey	December	29

For the Month of Decenber

Louis Boucher & Elsie Larson	December 1
Keeton & Beverly Arnett	December 17
William & Marianne O'Boyle	December 27



Flowers are placed at the altar to the glory of God and to celebrate 75th birthdays.

If you know someone with this special day coming up, please let us know.



Please contact the office office@stpeterscapecod.org if you would like to add or remove your Birthday or Anniversary from our Newsletter.

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December 2021 at St. Peter's

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30 am Worship Livestream/in person	29 9 am Bridge 1:30 pm Loaves & Fish 6:30 pm Chatham Choral	30 12 pm Bridge 6:15 pm Bell Choir 3:30 pm Broad Reach	1 11:30 am Bridge 2 pm Loaves & Fish 3:00 pm Choir 3:30 pm Safe Harbors	2 9:45 am Physical Therapy 11:30 am Loaves & Fish 3:15 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm NAMI 7 pm AA Meeting	3 10 am Loaves & Fish 11 am Ruth Johnson Memorial Service 12 pm Bridge 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	4 4 pm SMMC
5 9:30 am Worship Livestream/in person Bread for the World 3:00 pm Girl Scouts	6 9 am Bridge 11:15 am Susanna Stephen via Zoom 1:30 pm Loaves & Fish 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	7 8:15 am Sojourners 9:45 am Physical Therapy 12:30 pm Bridge 3:30 pm Broad Reach 6:15 pm Bell Choir	8 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 am Bridge 2 pm Loaves & Fish 3:00 pm Choir 4 pm Y.O.H. Meeting 7 pm Bible Study for Women 7 pm Girl Scouts	9 11 am Harwich Women's Lunch 11:30 am Loaves & Fish 3:15 pm Confirmation 7 pm AA Meeting 7 pm PSALM Meeting	10 10 am Loaves & Fish 12 pm Bridge	11 9:00 am Piano Tuning 4 pm SMMC
12 9:30 am Worship Livestream/in person	13 9 am Bridge 1:30 pm Loaves & Fish 5:15 pm Girl Scouts	14 8:15 am Sojourners 10 am Centering Prayer 12:30 pm Esther Circle 12:30 pm Bridge 3:30 pm Broad Reach 6:15 pm Bell Choir	15 10 am Staff Meeting 11:30 am Bridge 2 pm Loaves & Fish 3:00 pm Choir 7 pm Bible Study for Women	16 11:15 am Pastoral Care 11:30 am Loaves & Fish 1:30 pm Sacred Sorrow 3:15 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Staff Party 7 pm AA Meeting	17 10 am Loaves & Fish 12 pm Bridge 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	18 4 pm SMMC
19 9:30 am Worship Livestream/in person 3pm Girl Scouts	20 9 am Bridge 10:00 am Finance Committee 1:30 pm Loaves & Fish 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Council	21 8:15 am Sojourners 12:30 pm Bridge 3:30 pm Broad Reach 7:00 pm Longest Night	22 10 am Staff Meeting 11:30 am Bridge 2 pm Loaves & Fish 3:00 pm Choir 4:15 pm Bell Choir	23 11:30 am Loaves & Fish 3:15 pm Confirmation 3:00 pm SMMC Christmas service 7 pm AA Meeting	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 4 pm & 10 pm	25 Christmas Day 9:30 am Service
26 9:30 am Worship Livestream/in person Service of lessons and carols	27 9 am Bridge 1:30 pm Loaves & Fish	28 8:15 am Sojourners 10 am Centering Prayer 12:30 pm Bridge 3:30 pm Broad Reach 6:15 pm Bell Choir	29 11:30 am Bridge 2 pm Loaves & Fish 3:00 pm Choir	30 11:30 am Loaves & Fish 7 pm AA Meeting	31 10 am Loaves & Fish 12 pm Bridge	1 12 pm private party 4 pm SMMC

Office will be closed the week of December 27-31

