



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**November 30, 2014**  
*“We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation”*  
**8:00am**

**EUCHARIST IN THE SANCTUARY**

WELCOME

A WORD FROM OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

MISSION MOMENT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time of waiting and watching is here! Are you ready?

**People: We are waiting for the Lord of peace to open our hearts.**

Leader: The Lord of Peace comes to you this day to free you from your sins.

**People: We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who loves us dearly.

**ALL: Let us praise God for God’s blessings in our lives.**

**Amen.**

\*HYMN #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL  
(vs. 1 & 2)

\*OPENING PRAYER

**In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity,  
that our praise and worship might echo in these walls  
and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in mission, that the hope within  
might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives.  
In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service,  
that the path we follow might lead us from a stable  
to a glimpse of eternity.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lamentations 3:19-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Pastor Steve Donat

**“People of Hope”**

Advent 1

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*With a loud voice lift up your prayer concern or praise, and together we will say, “**Lord hear our prayer**” after each one, then we will pray The Lord’s Prayer ...*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN #206

HOUSTON

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  
(vs. 1 & 3)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: ...join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(People may be seated)*

Leader: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith ...

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: ...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**All: Amen**

GIVING THE BREAD AND JUICE

**(We now offer gluten free wafers, please ask a Communion Steward for that tray.)**

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

\*HYMN #474 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” PRECIOUS LORD  
(vs. 1 & 3)

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with You!**

*\*Worshippers who are able are invited to stand.*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
TOTAL FOR ALL THREE SERVICES – 411**

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

**The flowers in the vases on the chancel** are in loving memory of my mother, Gwen Robbins and my grandparents, Gertrude & Bob Steele.

With everlasting gratitude and thanksgiving, Gayle

**The flowers in the urn on the chancel** are in appreciation for our volunteers who help decorate St. Peter's for the Christmas season!

**Church Family (As of November 25, 2014)**

**Crest Haven:** Betty Pessolano, Dorothy Swan **Wesley Manor HCU:** Helen Carlisle, Doris Rinck **Meadowview Rehab:** Helen Wilson

**Royal Suites:** Gail Poholsky

**Remember in Prayer:** Merilee Adams, Bill Baker, John Caccia, Bill Crockford, Samantha Fallon, Bob Goudie, Allie Juliano, Charles Kinsing, Vera Kurtz, Jim & Eileen Locke, George Moore, Meg & Scott Rambo (Missionaries to Africa), Sandy Rigg, Leroy Robertson, Wendy Lynn Shutter, Sintadewi, Linda Skutlin, Eileen Young. Our Prayer List is updated on a weekly basis. Some of the people on the Prayer List have long term illnesses and others are undergoing surgery or treatment this week. Please contact the Parish Visitor, Mary Mohr, at 399-2988 to add a name so that we may better serve those in need. We also ask that you keep us updated every three weeks to keep this list current. After 3 weeks names will be removed if no update.

**Pray for those serving in the military:** Beau Belanger, Michael Bichey, Lori Carlton, Ben Charles, Josh Cormier, Jack Deming, Frank Donnelly, III, Jesse Ellison, W. Blair Estep, Jr., Mark Evans, Brian Foor, Krista Frazer, Herbert Godfrey, III, Emily Hampton, James A. Hartman, Richard Henshaw, Kara Hoffman, Taylor Kellog, Sarah & Doug Kinkennon, Kevin Martinez, Matt Michalowicz, David William Murray, Tom Nolan, Jason Piechowiak, Julio Sanchez, Lorraine Sharkey, Jennifer & Lee Thorpe, Douglas Turner, Scott Turner.

**THE ANNUAL HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Please join us and help decorate St. Peter's for Christmas...

Everyone is welcome! On Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am we will gather to unpack decorations and "fluff" the greens and bows. We will then continue and decorate the church. Light refreshments will be provided in the Stainton Room. Hope you will help and share in the fun and fellowship. The more the merrier! If you have any questions, please call the church office.

## **ANNUAL USPS FOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 2014**

On Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> the Ocean City Post Office will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Ocean City Food Cupboard. Please place donations out by your mailbox. The food items will be collected by your mail carrier and delivered to the Food Cupboard. **Items needed: microwave soups or meals, canned meats, pork & beans, vegetables, microwave macaroni & cheese, cereal, fruit juice, peanut butter and jelly.** Please remember no glass containers.

## **HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS & SOCKS NEEDED**

Our St. Peter's Mission Kids are donating to the Woodbine Elementary School for grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> **and** ACUP. We are in need of hats, gloves or mittens for the kids and for the adults of ACUP hats, gloves and socks. There will be a tree in Fellowship Hall at the back of the Sanctuary starting December 9<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>. We are asking you to decorate the tree with the items for the Woodbine Elementary School and the ACUP items should go in the decorated Christmas box under the tree.

Thank you for your support!

## **DR MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

If you are interested in going on St. Peter's 2015 mission trip to the Dominican Republic, please contact Judy Kelly at [judyk49@comcast.net](mailto:judyk49@comcast.net) immediately. The trip is April 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. There are a limited number of places available on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

## **DONATE YOUR FREE HAM OR TURKEY**

If you are a frequent shopper of our local supermarkets, there is a good chance that you will be receiving either a free ham or turkey. St. Peter's would love to take them off your hands and use for our annual community Christmas dinner! Just drop off your ham or turkey to the church office during the week and we will do the rest!

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

### **Cookie Walk**

**Ladies, light your ovens!** It is time for the annual Cookie Walk.

We will need you to bake dozens of various kinds of cookies to sell on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your cookies to the kitchen that Sunday morning. We also will need people to set up the cookie trays as well as clean up. Let your Circle leader know if you can help out.

**Members and Friends of St. Peter's** - Be sure to purchase your Holiday Cookies on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00am Contemporary Service or the 11:00am Traditional Service. There will be 2 sizes of containers available. What a great way to buy your holiday cookies and support the U.M.W. organization!

### **GET YOUR NAME TAGS**

Be a part (whether you are a member or not!), of making St. Peter's a warm and welcoming church by purchasing your own personalized name tag. The cost is \$7.00 and needs to be prepaid by either cash or check. The name tags have a magnetic back, but can be ordered with a pin back if needed. Order forms are available in the back after each service or in the church office during the week. Any questions, please call Robie McKinnon at 391-8679.

### **FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY**

Just a reminder the first Sunday of the month (12/7/14) is Food Collection Sunday. The December item for collection: Peanut Butter & Jelly.

### **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above**

**\$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit  
[www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**

### **ST. PETER'S ONLINE STORE**

Will once again be open throughout the month of November. We hope you will join us in helping to spread a visible reminder of our commitment to transforming lives with the story of God's love. There are shirts and hats in various colors as well as totes, and even an apron which have our Making Waves logo. To purchase, visit the website: <https://tuttlemarketing.com/store/products/st.-peters-of-ocean-city-394>. These items also make GREAT Christmas gifts!

### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FRUIT SALES**

The St. Peter's Dominican Republic team will be selling citrus fruit November 7<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup> following each worship service. Delivery will be between December 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Fruit selection is:

Citrus Trio (12 oranges, 12 grapefruit, 12 tangerines)	\$30	
Oranges	Case: \$34	Half Case: \$22
Grapefruit	Case: \$27	Half Case: \$18
Tangerines	Case: \$24	Half Case: \$17

Profits from the sales help to build houses in the Dominican Republic. April 2015 will be St. Peter's 8<sup>th</sup> year in mission to the DR. For more information, contact Judy Kelly at [judyk49@comcast.net](mailto:judyk49@comcast.net).

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am Chapel Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:00am Contemporary Service
- 9:00am UMW Exec. Bd. Mtg. (Mary Marr Rm.)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Service
- 6:00pm SPY

#### **Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 9:30am Tai Chi (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

#### **Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 10:00am Miriam/Ruth Circle (Stainton Room)
- 10:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (@ Hay's)
- 4:30pm Terrific Tuesday Begins
- 5:00pm Tai Chi (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)
- 6:00pm Dinner (Cheesesteaks)
- 6:30pm ELL (Susanna Wesley Room)

7:00pm Grief Support (Mary Marr Room)

7:30pm Praise Practice (Stainton Room)

**Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30am Tai Chi (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

10:30am Grace Circle – Shut In Bags (Stainton Room)

6:30pm Missions Comm. Mtg. (Fox Room)

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Fluffing & Hanging of the Greens

9:30am Tai Chi (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Chapel Service (Sanctuary)

9:00am Contemporary Service

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Service

6:00pm Family Christmas Dinner (Stainton Room)

**UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS**

December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am - Hanging of the Greens

December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm - Family Christmas Dinner

December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am - Life Line Screening

December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am - UMW Cookie Walk

December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am - Christmas Pageant

December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm - Remembrance Service

December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm - Gingerbread Family Event

December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am - Happy Birthday Jesus Party

(@ O.C. Tabernacle)

December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00pm - Christmas House Tour

December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm - Family Christmas Eve Service

December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30pm - Music of Christmas

11:00pm - Candlelight Service

December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm - Christmas Dinner

**TAKE SOME TIME TO VISIT THE NEWLY  
DESIGNED WEBSITE !**

The St. Peter's website has recently been redesigned. In addition to improving the appearance of the site, you'll find we have significantly increased the amount of useful content. You'll even find a sermon archive where you can read previous messages. Take a look at:

[stpoc.org](http://stpoc.org).

**MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY!**

Costa Rica Mission for Life is organizing a mission trip to Costa Rica on January 12, 2015 to January 18, 2015. The group will be ministering to the elderly and children of the community with a few other projects scheduled. The estimated cost for trip is \$2,000.00.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Carlo Calle at 609-602-1111.

**ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Peter's Mission is to intentionally grow deeply committed disciples of Jesus Christ along the South Jersey Shore.

- Reaching out to those who live, own a second home, or visit the region
- Sharing together in dynamic, Christ centered, caring community
- Making a difference in God's world

**The Staff of St. Peter's United Methodist Church**

Stephen L. Donat, Senior Pastor  
Terry Lothian, Assistant Pastor

Mary Mohr	*Parish Visitor
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Jeff Turner	*Praise Team Coordinator
Sarah Lee	Children, Youth & Family Ministry Director
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Nancy Fox, Florence Moyer, Robert Snodgrass	Choral Section
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***\*Part-time position***

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Christmas Remembrance Service  
St. Peter's United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 14th - 2:00pm (Sanctuary)

Christmas can be a painful time for some as we face the emptiness of the season without a loved family member who has died. The constant refrains on radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost. The anguish of the death of a loved one can make us feel alone in the midst of the celebrating and joy. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness; we need to know that we are not alone. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.

Putting words to this season can often be difficult. But we can do this together as a community of faith. If you, or someone you know, would find encouragement in a holiday Service of Remembrance, please accept our invitation to come to the St. Peter's Sanctuary on December 14, 2014 at 2:00 pm. We would also invite you to bring an ornament to place on our tree in memory of your loved one as part of the liturgy (we will not keep them). Any questions, please contact the church office at (609) 399-2988 for more information.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP  
with Pizza Dinner

Sunday, December 14th

Time: 4:00pm

(\$15.00 PER HOUSE)

THE HOUSE WILL BE PUT TOGETHER. ALL SUPPLIES AND INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED FOR YOU TO DECORATE.

Questions? Call the church office 399-2988.

Houses are limited to 35 so get your reservation in early.

First come first served.

This is a Fundraiser for St. Peter's Youth.

ALL AGES WELCOME!

YOU MUST RSVP... This is a sellout event!

Gingerbread House Workshop

\_\_\_\_\_ # Pizza Dinner

\_\_\_\_\_ # Gingerbread Houses

@\$15.00 per House

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of family \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Love Offering will be taken to cover cost of pizza