



The Voice on the Hill

St. Peter's Church of Coupland

August, 2024

Mission Statement

Recognizing Jesus Christ as the Son of God, we invite all to share the joy of God's Word through the Holy Spirit, calling us to community, worship, service and fellowship.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President
Michele Dupy

Vice President
Prissy Rumel

Vice President
Danny Smith

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Carolyn Haverland

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Anita Holubec

Council Members
Bill Albert
Janet Doss
Judy Downing

TREASURER
Ted Wittliff

LICENSED MINISTER
Charlotte Albert

MINISTER of MUSIC
David Cappolino

CHURCH SECRETARY
Barbara Coleman

Pastoral Search Committee Formed

A big THANK YOU to **Doreen Streit, Heather Shuttles, Scott Ging, Prissy Rumel, and William Dupy** for taking on the important job of finding a new Settled Pastor for St. Peter's. **Charlotte Albert** is pastoral advisor.

Their first task is to update our Church Profile, which describes our church and our needs in detail. The profile will be uploaded to a website accessible to pastors seeking positions in UCC churches. Pastors can submit their Personal Profiles to St. Peter's for consideration.

The search process will likely take a number of months. In the meantime, the Church Council is accepting Personal Profiles from pastors who are interested in serving as Interim Pastor.

Please keep the committee members in your prayers, and remember that their work is confidential.



Don't Miss Sunday Lunch!

Gathering for food and fellowship after church on **the last Sunday of the month** is a great way to get to know each other better. There's always lots of chatter and laughter around the tables!

On July 28, we enjoyed Sunday Lunch Out at Southside Market. Next up is **Sunday Potluck Lunch on August 25** at the church. Please bring a dish to share for potluck. (A recent potluck is pictured above.)

We encourage members to get together for lunch on other Sundays, and to invite someone you don't know well to join you.

President's Message

Have you noticed what I've noticed?

- Visitors are coming and bringing kids.
- People we haven't seen in a while are back.
- Senior Luncheon participation is strong.
- Overall Sunday attendance is increasing.
- A Baptism and two Weddings are scheduled.
- Confirmation Class is in progress.
- More Special Music performances are coming.

By the very grace of God, St. Peter's Church is **gaining momentum and strength.**

We're also working to RESTART our Children's Sunday School very soon, and I hope you will bring your kids and grandchildren.

Thank you everyone who supports and participates in our **Faith Community in Coupland!**

EXCITING TIMES ARE AHEAD.

JOIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP!

*~Michele Dupy
Church Council President*

Community Play Days

The **Community Play Days** at St. Peter's playground on June 29 and July 27 were a big success, with 12 to 15 neighborhood kids, plus parents, attending. Thanks to Maria and Pedro Rodriguez for making delicious breakfast tacos and pancakes.

Play Day is at 9:00 am on the **last Saturday of the month.** Please tell your neighbors!

The playground is open daily from dawn to dusk, with equipment for children ages 2 to 12. Check out all the fun new equipment that's been added!

August Worship Leaders



August 4 Communion

Guest Pastor: Gerald Metzger
Worship Coordinator: Anita Holubec
Liturgist: Charlotte Albert



August 11

Guest Pastor: Arlene Turner
Worship Coordinator: Judy Downing
Liturgist: Judy Downing



August 18, Communion

Guest Pastor: Carl Schwartz-King
Worship Coordinator: Carolyn Haverland
Liturgist: Charlotte Albert



August 25

Guest Pastor: Dr. Burt Burleson
Worship Coordinator : Michele Dupy
Liturgist: Michele Dupy

Council Report

July 8, 2024

Present: Michele Dupy, Prissy Rumel, Danny Smith, Judy Downing, Anita Holubec, Janet Doss, Bill Albert, Carolyn Haverland, Charlotte Albert and Treasurer Ted Wittliff.

Financials: Ted shared financial reports. **A motion was approved (due to high balances and low interest rates) to take \$40,000 out of Checking and \$40,000 out of Savings to invest into an interest bearing account at Edward Jones.** A new account "Church Savings" will be created.

Committees: Reorganization of committees and filling of vacancies continues. Council to finalize at August meeting.

Cemetery Plot Fees: Danny reports St. Peter's Church is getting too many calls referred by local funeral homes regarding purchasing our cemetery plots (due to no space at nearby cemeteries and our extremely low rates). We don't have the space, manpower, or funds to maintain a public cemetery.

Current member fees are \$300 and non-member fees are \$1,500. **Motion was approved to increase, effective immediately, the non-member plot price to \$5,000. Church member pricing will be reviewed for increases.**

Pastor Search: Received a new Interim Pastor Profile and names were discussed for the Pastoral Search Committee (5 members).

Special Offerings: Coupland School Supplies Fund for August.

Worship Leaders: Finalized Duties Lists for Worship Coordinator and Usher - to be posted in the Cry Room.

Sunday Lunch: July 28th at Southside Market in Elgin. **August 25th Potluck** at Church.

Garage Sale: Saturday, September 28th.

Next Council Meeting: August 12, at 6 pm, led by Danny Smith.

New Church Newsletter Delivery Options

Starting with the next issue, we will **transition away from paper newsletters.**

Here are **three ways** to get the newsletter:

1. **Members can request to stay on the postal mailing list** by calling the office at 512-856-2433 or sending an email to StPetersCoupland@gmail.com.
2. **Join our email list** to get weekly updates from St. Peter's, with a PDF copy of the newsletter attached on the last Thursday of the month.
3. Read online any time by clicking the "Newsletter" link on the top of our website at www.StPetersCoupland.org.

With the electronic version, you get your newsletter **faster and in full color** and St. Peter's saves money, paper, and labor.

If you aren't already getting emails from St. Peter's, use the QR Code below:



Or go to www.StPetersCoupland.org and click the "Email List" button at the top.

The newly re-designed newsletter is much easier to read on a computer, tablet or phone.

Tip for reading on a phone screen:

Enlarge the PDF image so that the left column of the newsletter fills the screen. Read all the way to the bottom and then start at the top of the right column.

In Memoriam Ann Mae Grieger Johle



Ann Johle, a longtime member of St. Peter's Church, passed away at the age of 89 on July 10, 2024, in Cedar Park. Services were held on July 17 and burial was at Taylor City Cemetery.

Ann Mae Grieger Johle was born January 5, 1935, in Williamson County. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Julia Grieger; her husband, Kenneth Johle; and siblings Georgie Chalupa, Lorene Leshikar, Jerlene Taylor, and Gilbert Grieger.

Ann is survived by she and Kenneth's children, Shelly (James) Kolinek, and Scott (Karen) Johle. Grandchildren are Whitney (Mikey) Watson, Amber (Jody) Perry, Derik (Stephanie) Johle, and Chris (Amy) Kolinek. Great-grandchildren are Mackenzie and Makenna Watson, Adeline and Aniston Perry, Caden and Jaxon Johle, and Oliver Kolinek.

She was a kind, gentle, and nurturing homemaker devoted to her family, and any animal that happened to cross her path whether it be in the barn or in her yard. Ann will be deeply missed and cherished by family and friends.

Thank You

SO MANY people work to keep St. Peter's running smoothly. This month special thanks go to:

William Dupy for repairing the refrigerator.

Bill and Charlotte Albert for donating the big metal climbing dome and a second teter toter, and to **Prissy Rumel** for cleaning/refurbishing them.

Anita Holubec for counting the offering each week, overseeing the kitchen, and changing the alter cloths.

Michele Dupy and **Danny Smith** for weeding and watering the flowerbed.

The **Church Council** for their many hours of meetings, emails, calls, text messages and work on behalf of our church.

Charlotte Albert for her tireless work in pastoral care: comforting the sick and bereaved, conducting baptisms and funerals, teaching confirmation class, visiting shut-ins, and more.

Everyone who organizes, serves and cleans up at the **Community Senior Luncheon**.

Our dedicated team who folds, labels, and tabs the newsletters: **Arthur Henze, S.R. Moss, Hermania Vitek, Ted Wittliff, Evelyn Draehn**, and others.

Everyone serving as **Worship Coordinator, Liturgist** and **Usher** on Sundays.

Charlotte Albert for creating a Children's Treasure Chest with small gifts for the kids at church.

Dana Smith for re-designing the newsletter and serving as editor, and for donating pens with St. Peter's name and website address.

Prissy Rumel for organizing the Community Play Days at the playground and providing popsicles for the kids.

And everyone else who works to make St. Peter's such a special place!

Community Senior Luncheon

The Community Senior Luncheon, hosted by the ladies group at St. Peter's Church, is an important ministry providing meals and social interaction for area seniors on the **third Tuesday of odd-numbered months**.

The next luncheon is on **Tuesday, September 17, at 11:30 am**. The meal is free, but donations are appreciated. Please bring a \$10 bingo prize if you are able.

At the most recent luncheon on July 16, the **48 attendees** enjoyed chicken salad sandwiches and root beer floats, along with bingo and dominos.

Thank you so much to **Janet Doss, Anita Holubec, Charlotte Albert, Cindy Alexander, JoAnn Ging, and Wanda Walther**, along with **Donna Reynolds** from Citizen's National Bank, for serving and cleaning up.

The delicious chicken salad was made and provided by **Cynthia Wittliff**. Assisting with food service were **Kaydence Epperson** and **Brynley Finn**, members of our current confirmand class.

Evelyn Draehn called the bingo and **Zac and Cindy Wood** set up the bingo prize display. **Arthur Henze, Ted Wittliff** and **Danny Smith** also lent a helping hand where needed.



Special Music

Joyful music is such an important part of the worship experience at St. Peter's Church!

At our **August 25 Worship Service** the very talented **Johnson Family** will perform a medley that they put together for one of their parents' anniversary celebrations, as a memorial to **Mary and Jewel Johnson**.

There will be lots of fun songs to enjoy, as well as special Offertory music that day.

On July 28, we were richly blessed to have **Emma Leigh Maciazek**, a former professional opera singer in New York, perform an amazing solo and lead one of our hymns.

Baptism on August 11

During Worship Service on **August 11th** we will celebrate the infant baptism of **Hudson Graham Janak**, son of Hailey Kuntschik and Adam Janak.

Baptism marks a child's acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of God's grace and forgiveness, and the beginning of their Christian faith and life.

Join us as we celebrate this important sacrament with the family.



We lift up prayers of healing and comfort for those who are sick or facing challenges.

Irene Sumner has been diagnosed with cancer and we pray for her and John. *No phone calls please*, but cards can be sent to 1989 60th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

We pray for **Troy and Jeanette Watson, Robert Bland, Terry Finn, and Robert Gebhardt**, and for our shut-ins and those in care facilities.

Prayers for the family of **Ann Johle** who passed away on July 10. Condolences can be sent in care of her daughter, Shelly Kolinek, 1302 T. H. Johnson Dr., Taylor, TX 76574. Memorials can be made to St. Peter's Church.

If you have pastoral concerns or prayer requests, please contact Charlotte Albert at 512-924-3335 or email her at charlottealbert66@gmail.com.



Members in Care Facilities

Robert Gebhardt: Autumn Leaves of Georgetown, 3600 Williams Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628

Calvin Ging: S.P.J.S.T. Assisted Living, 505 East Lake Drive, Room #110, Taylor, TX 76574

Denney Poldrack: Will-O-Bell Nursing Home, P.O. Box 107, Bartlett, TX 76511

Karen Rhoades: Heritage Lakes Assisted Living, Room #9, 19005 Pleasant Bay Drive, Pflugerville, TX 78660

August Birthdays

1st	Evan Poldrack
2nd	Marcela Albert
3rd	Becky White, Linda Rowland
6th	Rev. Paul Mohr
8th	Renee Thompson, Jack Piper
9th	Remington Poldrack, Willy Zucknick
11th	Karen Johle, Tinsley Streit
12th	Michael Townsend
13th	Lee Stewart, Caleb Ging, Libby Fischer
14th	Karen Dietz
15th	Cayli Johns
18th	Samantha Valchar, Brooklyn Reyes
19th	Martha Poldrack
21st	Maven Ochoa, Eli Ochoa, Cade Watson, Dorothy Hahn
22nd	Jon Fischer, Prissy Rumel
23rd	John Boydston
24th	Lee Alan Valchar
26th	Jayne Allen, Fred Marosko, Jeanette Watson
27th	Michele Dupy
28th	Kimery Poldrack
29th	Tyler Sane, Kaley Gregory
31st	Elizabeth Wabbel, Barbara Piper, Sharon Kreidel



Regular Giving June 30-July 21: \$11,718

Year to Date Regular Giving: \$73,480

July Special Offerings:
Down Home Ranch \$245

IN LOVING Memory

Memorials for Ann Johle
Bill & Charlotte Albert

Memorials for Mary Jo Lindquist
Bill & Charlotte Albert

Memorials for Jerry Valchar
Bill & Charlotte Albert

Memorial Fund
Fred Marosko



August's Special Offering goes to the **School Supply Fund at Coupland School**, which is used to buy supplies for students who aren't able to afford them.

St. Peter's Church has long partnered with Coupland School for the benefit of the community.

School officials help coordinate our **Angel Tree** gift program at Christmas.

Recently students have started assisting with serving at the **Community Senior Luncheon**.

School functions have been hosted at the church building and kindergarten classes were held here several years ago, while new classrooms were being finished at the school.

Join us in supporting this special school at the heart of Coupland!

Garage Sale Scheduled For September 28

Mark your calendar for our HUGE garage sale fundraiser from **8 am to 1 pm on Saturday, September 28**. You'll find a little of everything and some things you didn't even know you needed!

Garage sale proceeds will go toward developing a Children's Sunday School program.

We need donations of household goods (no clothing please). Please ask family and friends to contribute items and invite them to shop the sale!

Drop off items **at the parsonage garage through September 18**, entering through the side door. **After September 18, please leave your donations in the fellowship hall** during office hours (8 am to Noon, Monday through Thursday) or on Sunday morning.

Volunteers are needed to set up in advance and to help with the sale and cleanup on September 28th. Please contact Carolyn Haverland at 512-924-2202 if you can help, or if you have a large item to donate.

August Events

Sunday Mornings

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am
Worship Service at 10:15 am

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6, at 6:30 pm at Coupland Depot

Baptism

Sunday, August 11

Council Meeting

Monday, August 12, at 6:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, August 22

Sunday Lunch Potluck and Special Music

Sunday, August 25

Community Play Day

Saturday, August 31, at 9:00 am

Coffee Connections

Each Tuesday at 9:30 am

Connections

St. Peter's Church of Coupland

108 Wathen Street, Coupland, Texas

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Monday to Thursday, 8:00 am -12 noon

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Community Senior Luncheon on July 16

July 28 Events



At left: David Cappolino and Emma Leigh Maciazek