

# THE VOICE ON THE HILL

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## St. Peter's Church

of Coupland, UCC

P.O. Box 146 ~ 108 Wathen St.  
Coupland, TX 78615



### Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Peter's Church of Coupland, recognizing Jesus Christ as the Son of God, invite all to share the joy of God's Word through the Holy Spirit, calling us to community, worship, service and fellowship.

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### Galatians 6:9-10 NRSV

<sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

<sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.



### Coupland's Annual

### Choo Choo Fest

October 2, 2022

11:30am - 3pm



### Barbeque Plate Sale

Pork Loin, Sausage, Chicken Drumsticks

Potato salad – Beans – Cole slaw

Pickles, Onions, Bread, Ice Tea

**\$15.00 adults \$7.00 children (4-8)**

Advance ticket sales

**Food served 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Free KIDDIE EXPRESS TRAIN Rides

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. only

### Famous Coupland Bake Sale

Enjoy popular local baked cakes, pies, breads, & cookies

"End of the Line" T-shirt Sale - New Colors

Add to or start your collection today

### Silent Auction

Antiques, arts & crafts, services, artwork, collectibles, décor items and much more!

**Questions: Call Judy (512) 293-0501 or Becky (512) 269-8571**



### Historical Marker Refurbished

During the installation of our new exterior siding, the historical marker was removed and Danny Smith painted and polished it to look like new. This Texas Historic Landmark plaque, installed in 1989, reads as follows:

*St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
This congregation was organized in 1894 by German and Swiss immigrants. Originally known as St. Petri Deutsche Evangelische Gemeinde (St. Peter's German Evangelical Church), the congregation built this vernacular Gothic Revival sanctuary in 1905-1906. The meeting hall was added in 1925, and the two structures were connected in 1953. By 1955, English language services, introduced in 1929, had replaced the worship originally conducted in German.*

Recorded Texas Historical Landmark - 1989

**STARK REALITY****OCTOBER 2022**

The heat this summer has broken all kinds of records. Even as we officially entered fall on September 22, our temps were in the high 90s which certainly does not seem like fall. Nevertheless, I am really looking forward to cooler temperatures as we move into October and beyond. The cool mornings of October and the changing of the leaves for fall remind me that change is in the air. This month will see a lot of special activity at the church.

We begin with **World Communion Sunday on October 2**. This is a time to pause with Christians around the globe to recognize the sacrifice that Jesus made for each one of us. It is a time to celebrate the love of God for all people and to commit ourselves to living out that love of neighbor in our own lives. The UCC has designated this Sunday for the special offering of Neighbors in Need. This is one of our 4 special national offerings in the UCC. It is designated for programs across the country that reach out to meet the needs of people where they are.

Following the service, we will join with the **Coupland Civic Organization** to celebrate their **Choo Choo Fest**. This is the CCO's major fund-raising project for the year. There will be a silent auction and catered meal as well as the ever-popular small train rides around the streets of the community. This is a great attraction for your children and grandchildren so make sure you plan to be there with the whole family. Tickets can be purchased for the catered meal from CCO members Beck Sutton and Judy Downing.

On **October 23** we will once again celebrate **Kirchenfest**. This Kirche (German for Church) Fest (Festival) is a time to celebrate the history of our church. If you haven't had a chance to look at our refurbished Historical Marker (thanks to the hard work of Danny Smith), please take time to read it and remember our beginnings from 1894 when the early settlers of Coupland made a decision to start a worshipping community here. That led to the building of the sanctuary in 1906 which is the same basic building that we continue to gather in on Sunday mornings 116 years later. Of course, over the years there has been a good deal of work done on this building. This year we will have a dedication of our siding project which was the culmination of fund raising for several years. This improvement will maintain the integrity of our sanctuary for many years to come. On this Sunday we recognize the anniversaries of Confirmation Classes from the past. Invitations will be sent out to those classes being recognized.

The month will end with another CCO celebration of Trunk or Treat here at the church **Sunday October 30**. This is always a big event for the children of the community. I love seeing the church involvement in our community. St. Peter's should be proud of the many ways in which we support the folks of Coupland and the surrounding area.

See you in church!

Shalom

Rev. Charles Stark  
Interim Pastor



## Neighbors in Need October 2 Offering

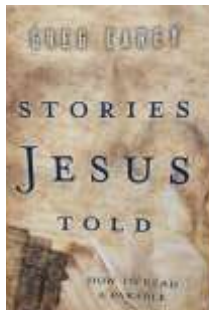
Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on an economic justice.

Sunday October 2 special offering envelopes will be available for Neighbors in Need offering.



## Coupland Civic Organization Monday October 10

CCO will meet Monday October 10. Coupland ISD Superintendent will give a presentation on the school bond. School Board and Council candidates will be in attendance. A light dinner will be served at 6:30pm followed by the program at 7:00pm



## Adult Bible Study Class

Class continues on Wednesdays at 10am in the conference room. Join us as we study *Stories Jesus Told: How to Read a Parable* by Greg Carey. Everyone is welcome!



## Diners

Thursday October 20 is diners night out at 6:30pm. We will meet at Thrall Country Diner, 216 US Hwy 79. Bill & Charlotte Albert are coordinating.

## Kirchenfest

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Kirchenfest is a traditional St. Peter's celebration which honors and recognizes past Confirmation graduates. Join us Sunday, October 23 at 10:15am as we celebrate the history of our church. A catered meal will be served in place of our monthly potluck.



## Noisy Offering Sunday

Sunday October 30 is Noisy Offering Sunday. In addition to our regular offering, we ask that you bring all your spare change and drop it into the collection plate.



## Trunk or Treat

The Annual "Trunk or Treat" event, presented by the Coupland Civic Organization, will take place on Sunday, October 30 beginning at 5pm. The traditional celebration consists of persons decorating the trunks of their vehicles and parking up and down Wathen Street to enable children a safe haven to trick or treat. Volunteers enjoy dressing for the occasion and handing out goodies to all participants.



**August 2022 Income**

Total Regular Giving for August \$12,218

Budgeted Amount for August \$11,579

Total Regular Giving January thru August \$97,614.76

Budgeted Amount January thru August \$101,316.25

\*Regular Offering Only\*

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

**October 2 2022 Offerings:**

Sunday October 2 - Neighbors in Need/Board of Christian Ed  
Sunday October 16 - Taylor Salvation Army  
Sunday October 23 - Cemetery Fund  
Sunday October 30 - Noisy Offering Sunday

**October Worship Schedule**

<b>October 2</b> Liturgist: Cindy Wood Ushers: Zac Wood	<b>October 9</b> Liturgist: OPEN Ushers: OPEN	<b>October 16</b> Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: Paul & Tammy
<b>October 23 - Kirchenfest</b> Liturgist: Judy Downing Ushers: Don & Sandra	<b>October 31 - Noisy Offering</b> Liturgist: Cindy Wood Ushers: Zac Wood	

**Members in Assisted Living or Care Facilities:**

**Irene Florida:** Shavano Park Senior Living, Apt #102  
3220 North Loop 1604 W, Shavano Park, TX 78231

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

**Ann Johle:** Sagebrook Nursing Center,  
901 Discovery Blvd. Cedar Park, TX 76511

**Karen Rhoades:** Heritage Lakes Assisted Living  
Room #110  
19005 Pleasant Bay Drive, Pflugerville, TX 78660

**October Birthdays**

- 1st Logan Fryer
- 3rd Justin Krieg, Pam Blomquist,  
Patricia Dickey, Terry Finn, Bill Dupy
- 4th Marge Gebhardt, Ashton Albert, Crystal  
Krieg, Garrett Rathburn, Steven Schmidt,  
Tonya Clemons
- 6th Laurie Morris
- 7th Georgia Hanson
- 8th Emily Garrison, Candice Mills
- 9th Irene Sumner
- 10th Gunner Streit
- 12th Vivian Eiben
- 13th Crissy Johns
- 15th Garrett Stork
- 16th Jennifer Poldrack, Peter Wabbel
- 18th Hailey Clemons
- 19th Ashley Doss
- 20th Stewart Dale Spencer
- 21st Bill Doss, Tiffany Samuelson
- 27th Kim Nelson, Arthur Henze
- 31st Robert Bland



**Recent Memorials**

N= New Horizon C=Cemetery L=Landscaping  
M=Memorial Fund

**There are no recent memorials to report**



## Senior Luncheon

We had a great turnout for our September Luncheon. We had 45 Senior Citizens including hostesses & helpers attending. Hostesses were: Sandra & Don Wernli, Becky Sutton, Charlotte Albert, Hermania Vitek, Janet Doss, Cindy Alexander, Bonnie Slad-ek, Lois Schmidt, Joyce & Arthur Henze & Marge Gebhardt. Helpers were Wanda Walther, JoAnn Ging & Teddy Wittliff.

Thanks to Pastor Charles for our table blessing and to Charlotte for decorations. Thanks to Cindy Wood for helping to call Bingo. We thank everyone for all who helped us in any way!

Our next Luncheon will be our Thanksgiving Meal on November 15, 2022 at 11:30 am. We hope to see you there. We will be playing "42" Dominoes & Bingo. If you are playing Bingo, it is recommended you bring a prize \$10 or under.

Co-Chairs, Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli

## November 2022 Election Information

Last Day to Register to Vote	Tuesday, October 11, 2022
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 24, 2022
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Friday, October 28, 2022 <b>Received, not Postmarked</b> )
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, November 4, 2022
Last day to Receive Mail Ballot	Tues. November 8, 2022 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m.



St. Peter's Church wishes to thank June Schmidt for donating a white crochet tablecloth for use at St. Peter's Church. She crocheted it herself. Blessings to June for this beautiful gift to our church!



Want to give a big thanks to those who donated items and those who donated their time! We made a profit of \$1,460 which will go into the regular offering account...

Again Thank You!  
Carolyn Haverland



Thank you to Scott Ging, Arthur Henze, Roy Morris, Peter Wappel, Don Wernli, and Zac Wood, for assisting with setting up tables and chairs for the picnic. Thanks to Scott and Don for setting up hay bails for the Altar and moving the gutters. Thanks to Scott Ging for cooking the burgers. Your help was greatly appreciated!



## Ice Machine Repair

Thank you to Bill Dupy for repairing the ice machine and to Danny Smith for installing new tubing for the ice maker and coffee/tea machines



## Decorations

Thanks to Charlotte, Sandra and Don for organizing the room upstairs with all the decorations.



**St Peter's Church of Coupland**  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2022

Members present: Sharon Kreidel, Carolyn Haverland, Roy Morris, Sandra Wernli, S.R. Moss, Peter Wabbel and Janet Doss.

Absent: Cindy Alexander

The agenda was adopted  
Approval was received for August 2022 minutes.  
Financial reports provided by Stacy Stork were reviewed/approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pastoral Search Committee:** Sharon report from Michele Dupy, Chairman : We have had 3 applicants. One asked to be pulled and the other two did not meet criteria our profile was looking for.  
**Pastor's Report:** Please see pastor's report for more information

**Old Business:**

**Playground:** Waiting for cooler weather

**Sign:** Researching cost

**Offering Envelopes:** Approved for a second special offering envelope. Envelopes will be size of check.

**Garage Sale:** Carolyn Haverland reported that we made \$1,444 which will be deposited into the regular offering.

**Gutter update:** Roof Crafters bid went down. We will not need leaf guards in the areas there are no trees. Back side of church and fellowship hall will have leaf guards.

**Annual Picnic** will be held September 25<sup>th</sup>. Scott and crew will prepare the meat. Peter will do the trimmings. Council will get drinks. We will announce in the weekly email that congregation members asked to bring sides and desserts. Prissy, Martha, and family will be providing music during service.

**Kirchenfest:** October 23<sup>rd</sup> Honoring our past confirmands which Charlotte Albert is working on a list and invitations to be sent out. Chris Kelm will do Chicken Fried Steak dinner with the cost of

\$15. We will not sell tickets but ask recommended donation of at least \$15 per plate be given. Members asked to bring desserts.

A company from Rosenberg was contacted and came to fix the broken protected glass over the stained glass window to the right of the entry of church.

**New Business:**

**Budget Committee:** Chairman of budget committee will be Janet Doss. Proposed budget to be presented to council in December prior to January meeting for any corrections.

**Safety Deposit Box** – We have a safety deposit box and Teddy has a list of items that is in it. Renewal cost is \$33 year. Council felt certain items need to remain in box.

**Waste Connections:** Problems with garbage not being collected multiple times. Will change to Shamrock which has a good reputation and less cost.

Went over October and November calendars  
Roy is event coordinator for October

Anita/Carolyn are event coordinators for November.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer

Submitted by  
Carolyn Haverland  
Council Member

# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>October Bread Baker</b> Roy Morris <b>October Event Coordinator</b> Roy Morris						<i>1</i>
<b>2</b> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion  <b>Choo Choo Fest</b> <b>11:30am - 3:00-pm</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Coffee Connections 9:30am	<b>5</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>  9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship	<b>10</b> <b>CCO</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>11</b>  Coffee Connections 9:30am	<b>12</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>  9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion <b>11:30am Council</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Coffee Connections 9:30am	<b>19</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>20</b>  Newsletter Deadline  <b>Diners</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ <b>Kirchenfest</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Coffee Connections 9:30am  Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	<b>26</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>  <b>Noisy Offering Sunday</b> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship <b>5:00pm Trunk or Treat</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>Halloween</b>					

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## *Come and Worship with Us*

### **St. Peter's Church of Coupland, UCC**

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Coupland, TX 78615

### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 12 noon

### **WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS**

10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

*Interim Pastor: Charles Stark*

*Interim Pastor Phone: 830-660-7239*

*Pastor Email: clstark52@gmail.com*

*Licensed Minister - Charlotte Albert*

*Secretary - Barbara Coleman*

*Church's phone: 512-856-2433*

*Church Email: stpeterscoupland@gmail.com*

*Church Website: stpeterscoupland.org*

**October 2022**

*St. Peter's... "The Church on the Hill with the Heart as Big as Texas"*