

# 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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### Colossians 3:23-24 NRSV

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.



## National Night Out August 2

The Coupland Civic Organization will host National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2nd at the Coupland Depot. Festivities begin at 6:30pm. A hotdog supper will be provided with all the trimmings, chips, homemade cookies, and cool water. Residents are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs.

Please join us for this wonderful event!  
Barbara Piper



## Annual St. Peter's Garage Sale Saturday September 10 8am to 1pm

*We will now start accepting items. Please leave on back table in the fellowship hall or place them in the children's nursery classroom (next to kitchen)*

*If possible, keep larger items close to the date. If you are not able to hold onto larger items, please contact Carolyn Haverland.*

***We will not accept clothing, mattresses, or pillows.***

*After the potluck lunch August 28, tables will be setup to start pricing items. Volunteers are needed to assist, especially the day of with checkout and bagging items.*

*Signup sheet will be made available.*

***Any questions, please contact me at (512) 924-2202***

Thanks  
Carolyn Haverland



## STARK REALITY

August 2022



Jesus was the bearer of Good News. In Luke 8:1 we read, "...he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God." Today we live in a society where news is everywhere. I can remember growing up when there was a great deal of discussion about the network evening news going from 15 minutes to a half-hour format. Folks wondered how they would ever fill that much time with news. Today we find the news landscape has completely changed with the presence of 24-hour news networks like, Fox News and CNN. Everywhere you turn there is more than enough news to keep you informed of the latest events happening anywhere in the world. A survey of our culture finds that more and more folks are getting their news from the internet and social media platforms.

When I think about the Gospel, and the Good News that it represents, I wonder about the method by which it is shared. Yes, you can find Christian voices on the internet and back in the day we were introduced to 24-hour Gospel networks like the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) and the PTL Network. Unfortunately, like our news sources today, it is up to those who hear it to decide if it is a valid witness to the Gospel or simply "Fake News." The PTL Network founded by evangelist Jim Bakker and his wife Tammy Faye, fell into trouble with misappropriation of funds and eventually declared bankruptcy.

The Bible warns us about false prophets in 1 John 4:1

*Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

This text goes on to provide the best way to test the spirits in 1 John 4:7-8

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

Friends, our world is so filled with hate that even those who claim to be Christian can be led astray. I am reminded of the Westboro Baptist Church who took their anti-gay rhetoric so far as to travel to protest military funerals saying that this was the price of a nation who has turned away from God.

Finally, I want to lift up the witness of Jane Goodall at the beginning of this article. The real test of faithfulness is in reality **what one does** more than **what one says**. Churches are known as communities of proclamation. We are a people who proclaim the Good News of the Gospel every Sunday. While that is true, I want to suggest that we should be looking at what churches are doing in their communities. It is one thing to talk about Good News, but it is another thing entirely to live out the Good News by what we do. It is my prayer that St. Peter's will find more and more ways to make a difference in our community and thereby make the Gospel much more than simply words.

Shalom

Rev. Charles Stark  
Interim Pastor



### Senior Luncheon

We had a good July Picnic Luncheon. We had over 40 Seniors including Hostesses and Helpers attending. Hostesses were: Cynthia & Teddy Wittliff, Sandra & Don Wernli, Becky Sutton, Janet Doss, Cindy Alexander, Joyce & Arthur Henze & Lois Schmidt. Helpers were Wanda Walther & JoAnn Ging.

We thank Pastor Charles for our Prayer & Blessing and to Charlotte Albert for the wonderful decorations and being a Helper. Bingo and "42" Dominoes were played. This was a wonderful luncheon and we thank everyone who helped.

Our next Luncheon will be on September 20 at 11:30 am. We hope all of you can come and be us!

Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli  
Co-Directors



### Diners

Thursday August 18 is diners night out. Jack and Barbara Piper are coordinating.

# Potluck

### Potluck Sunday

Sunday August 28 is potluck Sunday. Join us after worship for food and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share!



### Siding Project

On Monday July 18, Roof Crafters begin working on the siding for the church.





**June 2022 Income**

Total Regular Giving for June \$12,169

Budgeted Amount for June \$11,579

Total Regular Giving January thru June \$69,829.76

Budgeted Amount January thru June \$75,263.50

\*Regular Offering Only\*

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

**August 2022 Offerings:**

Sunday August 7 - Board of Christian Ed  
Sunday August 14 - Regular Offering  
Sunday August 21 - New Horizon Fund  
Sunday August 28 - Slumber Falls Camp

**August Worship Schedule**

<b>August 7</b> Liturgist: Tammy Sane Ushers: OPEN	<b>August 14</b> Liturgist Judy Downing Ushers: Cindy Alexander
<b>August 21</b> Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: Paul & Tammy Sane	<b>August 28</b> Liturgist: Carolyn Haverland Ushers: Don & Sandra Wernli

**August Birthdays**

**Our Sick & Shut-Ins:**

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

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

**Nancy Goodlett:** at home

**Ann Johle:** Sagebrook Nursing Center, 901 Discovery Blvd, Room #210 Cedar Park, TX 78613

- 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, Robert Gillis
- 28th Lisa Hammond, Kimery Poldrack
- 29th Tyler Sane, Kaley Gregory
- 31st Elizabeth Wabbel, Barbara Piper, Sharon Kreidel





**HEART OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION NEWS:**

**2022 Scholarship Recipients**

The Heart of Texas Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of scholarship funds for 2022.

Recipient	Seminary	Funds	Church Membership
Rene Slataper	Chicago TS	Felder	Congregational Church - Austin
Brooke Dooley	Brite Divinity	Tessmann	Friends UCC
Brittany Hicks	APTS	Tessmann	Open Cathedral
Kyle Riley	Duke Divinity	Felder & HOTA	Congregational Church - Austin

Funds were sourced from the Heart of Texas Association Fund, the Greg Felder Fund and the Tessmann Fund at Bethany Gardens UCC.

If you would like to support future scholarship funds from the Heart of Texas Association, you may contact our treasurer, Joe Ward. We would love to continue supporting our future ministers.

A special thank you to our scholarship committee members Joe Ward, Steve Miller and Anne Wehrly.

**Rev. Nikki Stahl**

Heart of Texas Association Minister

Good food and fellowship! On Thursday July 21 members of St. Peter’s gathered at the Coupland Inn for diners night out and a birthday celebration for Cindy Wood.



**Recent Memorials**

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

**There are no recent memorials to report.**



**St. Peter's Church of Coupland  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2022**

Members present: Sharon Kreidel, Carolyn Haverland,, Roy Morris, Sandra Wernli, S.R. Moss, Peter Wabbel, Bonnie Sladek

Absent: Janet Doss, Anita Holubec

The agenda was adopted.

Approval was received for the minutes of for May 2022. Council meeting was not held in June 2022.

Financial reports for Income & Expense and Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual were reviewed by council members.

**Committee reports:**

**Pastoral Search Committee:** A third application was received and an interview was conducted. Committee is still searching for additional candidates.

**Cemetery Committee:** Contract with Black Stallion ended June 30<sup>th</sup>. Zac Woods signed contract and begins July 1, 2022.

**Pastor's report:**

Pastor Charles had a Zoom meeting of the Association Committee. He was elected as Vice Chair of the COM with the intention of becoming Chair at the Spring 2023 meeting when the current Chair concludes their term. He attended the Elgin Ministerial Alliance meeting. Please see Pastor's report for more details.

**Old Business:**

**Committee list:** Committee met and made a few changes. Updates will be sent in the future.

**Playground:** Handed off to Master Planning Committee. Used basketball stand has been donated. Jim Alexander has offered to repair and level the swing set, and cover all costs.

**Sign:** Handed off to Master Planning Committee.

**Offering Envelopes:** Pastor Charles researched and provided samples and costs for printing new offering envelopes. Council members decided they wanted time to look at the options and decision has been pended until next meeting.

**Storage Shelves and Bins:** Storage is needed for all the table decorations provided by Charlotte Albert. The Men's Brotherhood agreed to purchase these and will be ordered in the near future.

**Garage Sale:** The date has been set for September 10, 2022. Carolyn Haverland will provide details in the newsletter.

**New Business:**

**Leveling Bid/Siding Update:** Danny Smith provided an update and answered questions from council members. Motion was approved to allow Danny to make any decisions regarding installation or changes that fall within the 10% cost override already approved in the budgeted amount. He will need to get council approval for any other actions.

**Bible Study Material:** Pastor Charles presented material for Bible Study. The Council approved the purchase of the materials and participants could voluntarily share the costs.

**Coupland ISD school supplies/ear buds:** The LIFT group will contact the school to see what is needed.

**Annual Church Picnic:** It will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> which is potluck Sunday. It will be held outside on the Pavillion. Details will be provided in the future.

**Kirchenfest:** It will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details will be provided in the future.

A review of the calendars was done for August and September with a few changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alexander  
Secretary

**The next Council meeting will be Sunday  
August 21 at 11:30am**

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> CCO National Night Out 6:30pm	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Diners 6:30pm	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion  Church Council	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Newsletter Deadline	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship  Potluck Luncheon	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am  Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	<i>31</i>	<b>August Bread Baker</b> Cindy Alexander  <b>August Event Coordinator</b> Cindy Alexander		

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### **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*

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*Church Website: stpeterscoupland.org*

**August 2022**

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