

THE VOICE ON THE HILL

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St. Peter's Church

of Coupland, UCC

P.O. Box 146 ~ 108 Wathen St.
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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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Matthew 11:28 NRSV

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!



1st Annual Car Show & Fundraiser



Join St. Peter's Church of Coupland for our 1st Annual Car Show and Fundraiser **on Saturday September 16th from 10am to 2pm.**

There will be food, fun, a bake sale and a tour of our beautiful 113 year old church.

Trophies will be awarded.

****No alcohol on church property please****

National Night Out Tuesday August 1st

Thanks to everyone who came out to support this great event!

Those in attendance were:

- Pastor Scott Wasdin at St. Peter's Church
- Kelly Hernandez, Chief of Staff for Pct. 4 Commissioner Russ Boles
- ESD#10 Chief Mark Moellenberg
- Sheriff Deputy Matt Kreidel
- Pct. 4 Constable Paul Leal



Thanks to Susan Garry for the great photos!



September 2023

Pastor Scott is available for pastoral counseling or discussions Monday through Thursday mornings by appointment.

God's definition of success is really one of significance-the significant difference our lives can make in the lives of others. The significance doesn't show up in won-loss records, long resumes, or the trophies gathering dust on our mantels. It's found in the hearts and lives of those we've come across who are in some way better because of the way we lived.

Tony Dungy

1 Corinthians 12:12

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."



There is a need to say a BIG Thank you to each and everyone for their many, many prayers for SR after giving us a BIG scare on July 6th.

Without God and God hearing our prayers, we would not have experienced this miracle.

Thanks again to each and everyone,

SR & Hermania



Church Council

Council will meet on Sunday September 17th at 11:30am



Senior Luncheon

Please join us on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 11:30 am for our Area Senior Citizen Luncheon. Peter Wabbel has graciously agreed to do the meal so, as a Master Chef, it is certain to be a delicious and spectacular meal.

Lunch will be followed by Bingo and 42 Dominoes. If you want to play bingo and are able but not necessary, please bring a prize worth no more than \$10.

The L.I.F.T. (Ladies in fellowship together) are grateful to be able to Host this event. Look forward to seeing all area Senior's there!

Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli Co-Chairmen



Diners

Join us on Thursday September 21st at 6:30pm for Diners. We will meet at Texas Bay Seafood and Steak, 200 W Lake Drive in Taylor.

Lois Schmidt and Bonnie Sladek are coordinating.



Potluck Sunday

Join us on Sunday September 24th for food and fellowship after morning worship. Bring your favorite dish to share!



Coupland Civic Organization Monday September 25

CCO will begin at 6:30pm followed by the program at 7:00pm. More details will be available in the next few weeks.



Men's Brotherhood

Men's Brotherhood will meet on Thursday September 28th. Location to be determined.



July 2023 Income

Total Regular Giving for July \$19,328

Budgeted Amount for July \$12,577

Total Regular Giving January thru July \$83,143

Budgeted Amount January thru July \$88,039

Regular Offering Only

July 2023 Special Offering

- \$165 total special offering
- \$10 Shepherd's Heart
- \$25 Memorial Fund
- \$25 Landscaping
- \$35 Eden Hills
- \$20 Cemetery Operating Fund
- \$50 OCWM

From Bill & Charlotte Albert: Memorial for Janice Schroeder

September Worship Schedule

September 3 Liturgist: Cindy Wood Ushers: Zac Wood	September 10 Liturgist: Laurie Morris Ushers: Roy Morris
September 17 Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: Ted Wittliff	September 24 Liturgist: OPEN Ushers: OPEN

September Birthdays

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 #9 19005 Pleasant Bay Drive, Pflugerville, TX
78660

- 3rd Martin Garrison
- 5th Wyatt Townsend
- 6th William Matetzschk
- 8th Aaron Fryer
- 9th Erin Barber, Levi Harkins
- 11th Brandi Watson, Solomon Eiben
- 16th Brenda Cox, Denney Poldrack
- 19th Greg Stifflemire
- 20th Kelly Fryer
- 22nd Derrick Finn
- 24th Cole Harkins
- 25th Bonnie Sladek
- 28th Pastor Frank Dietz
- 29th Gaylon Finn





New Pianist!

We have a new Pianist! David Cappolino! He is a native Texan born in Galveston. He and his wife Karen recently celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary. They have a son, David Andrew who lives in New York City and works as an advertising creative director.

Prior to accepting the position at St. Peter's, David served as the pianist/organist at St. John's UMC in Georgetown. Besides his musical life, he enjoys traveling, cycling, cooking, and photography. He is a UT alumnus, and a big UT football fan who holds season tickets and is incredibly excited about the chances of the team making it to the playoffs this year,

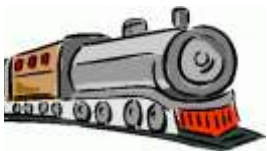
Welcome David!

Upcoming Fall Events



Neighbors in Need Offering October 1st

In 2023, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" theme continues. This year's focus is on environmental justice.



Choo Choo Fest October 15th

Save the date! Choo Choo Fest is scheduled for Sunday October 15th with a barbecue meal served at 11:30am. More details to come in next newsletter.

Kirchenfest October 22nd

Kirchenfest

Kirchenfest is a traditional St. Peter's celebration which honors and recognizes past Confirmation graduates. Join us Sunday, October 22nd at 10:15am as we celebrate the history of our church. A catered meal will be served.



Trunk or Treat October 29th

The Annual "Trunk or Treat" event, presented by the Coupland Civic Organization, will take place on Sunday, October 29th 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.



**St. Peter's Church of Coupland
Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2023**

Members present: Laurie Morris, Sharon Kreidel, Cindy Alexander, Peter Wabbel, Linda Miller, Carolyn Haverland, Janet Doss, Tammy Sane, Anita Holubec, Rex Snell

Members absent: None

Meeting was called to order and Pastor Scott Wasdin offered the opening prayer.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes for July 2023 were approved.

Financial Reports

Monthly reports for July 2023 were reviewed by council members.

Anita Holubec discussed Special Giving Envelopes for Slumber Falls and suggested donations go to Down Home. The Council agreed and a notice will be put in the Newsletter.

Offering Envelopes: Sharon Kreidel that offering envelopes will need to be finalized and ordered by October 2023

Committee reports:

Playground equipment: Tammy Sane reported that the Committee is obtaining quotes for a canopy and other equipment. Pastor Scott will research and get quotes for signage for the playground.

Pastor's report:

Pastor Scott reached out to Coupland ISD and stated the Fellowship Hall is available for events. He and Anita worked at the Taylor Food Pantry on our designated Saturday. Scott plans to visit members in Nursing facilities in September or October, and attended the National Night Out.

Old Business:

Flower beds: Pastor Scott said he would interview potential applicants for maintaining the flower beds for church and parsonage.

Security: Anita Holubec stated she has been locking all doors in the Fellowship Hall during service, and unlocks them after the last hymn. The Council discussed locking doors between vestibule and sanctuary. Anita and Roy Morris have volunteered to be an ad hoc Committee to research possible solutions.

New Business:

UCC Association: The Council has decided it was time to resume the process of investigating our association with the UCC and exploring alternatives. It was tabled until we hired a new Pastor. Council decided on the following dates for the process: (1) Letter to Congregation will be mailed by August 31st; (2) First Congregational meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on September 7th at 7:00 pm; (3) Second Congregational meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on September 16th at 5:00 pm; and (4) Special Congregational meeting will be held on September 17th after church service for vote.

September & October Calendars:

Car Show: St. Peter's first Annual Classic Car show will be held on September 16, 2023.

Kirkenfest will be held on October 22, 2023 in Fellowship Hall.

Church Picnic: Tabled at this time due to weather and other events.

Garage Sale: Will be held in April 2024. Please contact Carolyn Haverland for questions regarding storage of items.

The council reviewed and updated the calendars for September and October 2023. Cindy Alexander will serve as event coordinator for September.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alexander
Council Secretary

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 Coffee Connections 9:30am	6	7	8	9
10 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship	11	12 Coffee Connections 9:30am	13	14	15	16 1st Annual Car Show 10am - 2pm
17 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion Church Council	18	19 Coffee Connections 9:30am Senior Lunch 11:30am	20	21 Newsletter Deadline Diners 6:30pm	22	23
24 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship Potluck Luncheon	25 CCO 6:30pm	26 Coffee Connections 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	27	28 Men's Brotherhood 6:30pm	29	30

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 12 noon

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WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS

10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Pastor: Scott Wasdin

Pastor Phone: 423-637-5813

Pastor Email: swasdin@gmail.com

Licensed Minister -

Charlotte Albert

Pianist- David Cappolino

Secretary - Barbara Coleman

Church's phone: 512-856-2433

Church Email: stpeterscoupland@gmail.com

Church Website: stpeterscoupland.org

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