

# THE VOICE ON THE HILL

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## St. Peter's Church

of Coupland, UCC

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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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## Lent Begins March 2!



The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, begins a season of fasting and preparation for Easter. We will have soup supper at 6pm followed by Lenten Service at 7pm.



### Election Information

**Texas Primary Election Day:  
March 1, 2022**

St. Peter's Church will serve as one of the voting locations during the Primary Elections Tuesday March 1, 2022 from 7am to 7pm

## New Music Director!



We are thrilled to welcome Anna Harbuck as the Music Director at St. Peter's Church.

Anna is the Head Choir Director at Austin High School and holds a Master's Degree in Music from Stephen F. Austin.

She has taught music and led choirs for 13 years in a variety of churches and schools in Lufkin, TX, Boise, ID, and Moscow.

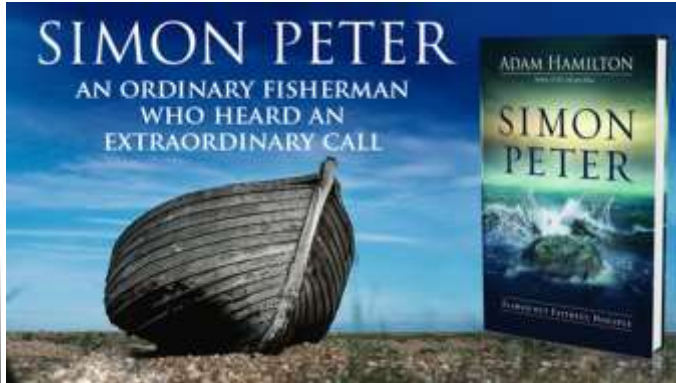
Anna would like to start rehearsing for Easter Service March 6. If you are only interested in singing for our Easter Service that would be fine. We would love to have men join the choir. Charles Stark has already volunteered to be in the choir. Please come join him.



**STARK REALITY**

**MARCH 2022**

This month we begin the journey of Lent with **Ash Wednesday on March 2**. The season of Lent serves as an opportunity for Christians to prepare for the coming celebration of Easter. Our Lenten services at St. Peter's will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings with a Soup Supper held in our Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm for those who can make it.



I will be leading a study this Lent using a video series produced by Adam Hamilton and entitled "Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple." Each week we will watch a short video which will take us to the Holy Land and show us the places where Simon Peter fished and then followed Jesus. The production is an excellent look into the life of the disciple for whom our church is named! You won't want to miss it! This Lenten Study will give you an inside look into who Simon Peter was and the challenges he faced in following Jesus. His challenges are very often our own challenges in the life of faith.

Join us as we begin this Lenten journey with the imposition of ashes. This special service which marks the beginning of Lent is a reminder of our own shortcomings in life.

I look forward to this Lenten Journey with you. See you in church.

*Charles*



## Senior Luncheon

Our next Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday March 15 at 11:30am. Peter Wabbel, Master Chef will be doing our main course. The LIFT Ladies will be doing the dessert.

If you would like to play bingo at our Senior Lunch, it is suggested but not required that you bring a prize under \$10. "42" Dominoes will also be played.

Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli  
Co-Chairs

# Potluck

## Potluck Sunday

Join us on Sunday March 27 for food and fellowship after morning worship. Bring your favorite dish to share!



## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering March 27

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. Special Offering Envelopes will be available for this offering.



## Garage Sale

A garage sale was approved by Council for September. No date has been set yet. As soon as more information becomes available, details will be available in upcoming newsletters.

### 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

### March Birthdays

- 3rd Gretchen Finn, Alex Dollins
- 4th Calvin Ging, Ryan Haverland
- 7th Eric Kennedy
- 9th Krista Poldrack
- 11th Cindy Krieg
- 13th Paul Sane
- 18th Alaina Gregory, Hailey Kuntschik, Rick Smitherman
- 19th Dillon Kreidel
- 20th Larry Kelso
- 21st Lance Albert
- 22nd Jill Streit
- 26th Chad Watson, Glen Kreig
- 27th Russell Webb





**January 2022 Income and Expenses**

**Budgeted Expense \$6,393.67**

**Total Regular Offering for January \$10,855**

**Income Exceeded Expenses by 4,462**

**Council has decided we will give this update once a month in the newsletter.**

**We will no longer list weekly offering information in the email or church bulletin.**

*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
...  
GENEROUSLY

**March 2022 Special Offerings:**

- Wednesday March 2 - Bay Back Mission - Ash Wednesday
- Sunday March 6 - Board of Christian Ed
- Wednesday March 9 - Down Home Ranch - Lent
- Sunday March 13 - Cemetery Fund
- Wednesday March 16 - Eden Hills Community - Lent
- Wednesday March 23 - Emmaus Home - Lent
- Sunday March 27 - One Great Hour of Sharing
- Wednesday March 30 - Every Child's Home - Lent

**March Worship Schedule**

<b>March 6</b> Liturgist OPEN Ushers OPEN	<b>March 13</b> Liturgist Becky Sutton Ushers Don & Sandra Wernli
<b>March 20</b> Liturgist Charlotte Albert Ushers Roy Morris	<b>March 27</b> Liturgist Carolyn Haverland Ushers Judy Downing



## Soup Supper Schedule

Thank You to everyone who signed up to prepare soup for our Lenten Soup Supper

<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 9</b>	<b>March 16</b>
Wernli & Miller	Marge & Henze	Schmidt & Sladek
<b>March 23</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>April 6</b>
Kreidel & Albert	Wabbel & Bland	Sutton & Morris



## Easter Egg Hunt

Following our Easter Worship, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and an opportunity for children to be a part of the worship service. More details will be available in the April newsletter.



## 2022 Flower Calendar

The calendar for Altar Flowers will be posted in the Foyer for those who would like to sign up.



# Altar Flowers

### Recent Memorials

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

**For:** Charles & Evelyn Mohr  
**By:** Mark & Lynda Mohr (N)



**St. Peter's Church of Coupland  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2022**

Members present: Janet Doss, Carolyn Haverland, Anita Holubec, Sharon Kriedel, Roy Morris, Peter Wabbel, S.R. Moss

Absent: Bonnie Sladek, Sandra Wernli

The agenda was adopted with additions.

Approval was received for the minutes of last month.

Financial reports for Income & Expense and Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual were reviewed by council members and questions were answered by Stacy Stork. Council discussed procedure(s) on how to amend approved budget to adjust for unforeseen expenditures. A proposal was made and approved that the budget for 2022 will be amended and approved by the council on a quarterly basis.

**Committee reports:**

Cemetery Committee is working on determining the number of spots available. Committee will also work with families with spots already purchased to see if any might be unused and available. The committee is working on getting quotes for the upkeep on the grounds.

**Pastoral Search Committee:** Job profile has been submitted and is available online. No applications have been received.

**Pastor's report:**

Reviewed the Pastor's report. He led the Council Planning Retreat and received some positive feedback from the attendees. After some discussion, the Council agreed that we do Fellowship pretty well and determined 3 goals for 2022: Worship, Evangelism, and Mission. See Pastor's report for more detail.

**Old Business:**

**HBO:** Most of the cleanup has been completed. More work will be done after the siding has been replaced. Funds received are being held and will be allocated later.

**Member List:** Barbara Coleman, Judy Downing, and Sandra Wernli are going through the members' list to verify and update. Plans are being discussed about sending out letters to verify if some persons are still members.

**Music for Lent and weddings/funerals:** Pastor Charles is looking for plans for music during Lent. He has one person who may be available for weddings and funerals.

**Office update:** The church office Windows software has been updated and will receive full support for 3 months.

**New Business:**

**Playground:** Volunteers are looking into the costs for updating the playground. It was suggested to research possible grants to fund the project.

**UCC Annual Report:** Pastor Charles provided a statistical report that he has completed for 2021 and must be submitted to the national church by March 2, 2022. The report includes a supplementary document which addresses our church did during the pandemic. The council needs to review and submit approval of the reports via email.

**Budget provided in bulletin, email and newsletter:**

Currently, the amount received and needed is provided in all 3 documents. A motion was made and approved to publish the information once a month in the newsletter. A message regarding this change will appear in the bulletin.

**Manville staging:** Manville Water requested permission to use the north parking lot to store materials for 90 days while they are working on streets in Taylor. The council approved their request via email on February 10, 2022, with restrictions for church activities. Manville Water contacted Sharon Kreidel and said they had made other plans.

**Church Sign:** Danny Smith and the Master Planning Committee are researching and receiving quotes from local companies for purchasing a 4'X8' lighted St. Peter's Church sign.

**Repairs:** Members have reported holes in current siding of the church which allow access to birds. Will get with Danny Smith to see if these holes can be patched. Danny is currently checking possible leak issue in the parsonage to determine if it can be repaired or if a new dishwasher is needed. He will also be replacing the working parts of 2 toilets in the ladies' room.

Sharon Kreidel, President, wants every board member to have copies of the current church Constitution, ByLaws, and Committee Report.

**Requests for use of Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary:**

Lisa Thompson has requested the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for a wedding on April 30, 2022. Stephanie Ochoa has requested the Fellowship Hall for Avery's confirmation lunch on June 5, 2022. The council approved both requests as long as the necessary paperwork has been completed by the parties.

**Garage Sale:** Carolyn Haverland has volunteered to head a committee for a garage sale. She requested approval to have the garage sale and space to store the items collected. She also stated she will make arrangement for haul off of any items not sold. She will look at the community and church calendar and determine a date for the sale. Her request was approved by the council.

A review of the calendars was done for March and April with a few changes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Alexander  
Secretary

# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>March Bread Baker</b> <b>March Event Coordinator</b>		<i>1</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Confirmation 5-6pm	<i>2</i> <b>Ash            Wednesday</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>6</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Confirmation 5-6pm	<i>9</i> Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Service 7pm	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
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<i>20</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion <b>Church Council</b>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Confirmation 5-6pm	<i>23</i> Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Service 7pm	<i>24</i> Newsletter Deadline	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship <b>Potluck Luncheon</b>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 10:30am Confirmation 5-6pm	<i>30</i> Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Service 7pm	<i>31</i>		

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### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 12 noon

**March 2022**

### **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 Ministers -*

*Charlotte Albert*

*Music Director- Anna Harbuck*

*Secretary - Barbara Coleman*

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

*Church Email: stpeterscoupland@gmail.com*

*Church Website: www.couplandchurch.org*

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