

THE VOICE ON THE HILL

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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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2 Corinthians 3:17 NRSV

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Happy Independence Day!



Welcome Scott Wasdin!



On Sunday April 30th, by unanimous vote, Rev. Scott Wasdin was called as St. Peter's new Pastor. We are excited to welcome him to our church!

Reverend Scott Wasdin serves as Pastor at First Congregational Church in Whitman, Massachusetts, a South Shore suburb of Boston. Previously, Rev. Scott has served churches as Pastor in Georgia and Virginia. Additionally, he had a successful six year tenure as Headmaster of Southampton Academy in Virginia, increasing enrollment, fundraising, and leading project management on a new 3 million dollar high school construction expansion.

Rev. Scott was raised in a small town in Georgia near the Alabama border. Growing up, his ministry and family role models believed in deep community values and relational connections in business and ministry life. Their influences still echo through Scott's philosophy of ministry.

Scott is gifted by his beloved family. Crystal, his wife of 13 years, has been a high school and middle school English teacher for over a decade and now runs Abbey London Boutique, an online children's boutique. Crystal and Scott have been blessed with five children: Josh-11; Xander-10; Matthew-8; Emma-7; and Sam-Deceased shortly after birth in December 2017.

Scott will preach his first sermon on Sunday, July 2nd.





Sunday June 25th Pastor Charles preached his last sermon at St. Peter's. Afterwards, Laurie Morris presented him with a gift and Charlotte Albert paid tribute with memories of Charles.



THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

I want to express my sincere thanks for everything that you all did to make my last Sunday at St. Peter's a wonderful experience. From the memories shared, to the special cake at the Potluck, to the awesome card and gift, it was a day that I will treasure for a long time to come. As I said at the luncheon after church, you are A VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE! Your hospitality and welcome of me and my family from the first day I was here is an experience that says to me that you really know how to be a church. I trust that God is definitely moving in the life of this congregation and there are great things ahead for St. Peter's Church!

Pastor Charles & Family



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **Monday July 10th thru Thursday July 13th** from 9am to 11:30am for grades Rising Kinder thru 5th Grade (next year's grade level) Lunch will be provided. The kids who attend will be invited to come to church **on Sunday July 16** to perform songs they learned.



Coupland City Council

Coupland City Council will meet Thursday July 13th at 6:00pm in the conference room.



Church Council

Council will meet Sunday, July 16th at 11:30am in the conference room.



Senior Luncheon

Our next Senior Luncheon will be a picnic luncheon on July 18 at 11:30am. Root beer floats will be served for dessert!

We hope to see you there!!
Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli Co-Chairs



Potluck Sunday

Join us on Sunday July 23 for food and fellowship after morning worship. Bring your favorite dish to share!



Noisy Offering Sunday

July 30th is Noisy Offering Sunday. During offering, drop your loose change in the collection plate.

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

- 1st Charlotte Albert, Troy Watson
- 2nd Allysa Marak, Kaydence Epperson
- 3rd Dana Smith
- 4th Keitha Niemtschk
- 10th Michael Goetz, Zachary Krieg
- 11th Virginia Callanan
- 12th Robert Gebhardt
- 13th Craig Matetzschk, Darien Clemons
- 14th Harper Doss, Margaret Henze
- 16th Bradley Haag
- 18th Tessa Rumel
- 19th Blake Haverland, Delaney Webb
- 21st Cindy Wood, Daniela Wabbel
- 27th Matthew Kreidel





May 2023 Income

- Total Regular Giving for May \$8,156
- Budgeted Amount for May \$12,577
- Total Regular Giving January thru May \$54,992
- Budgeted Amount January thru May \$62,885

January Special Offering \$874 total special offering \$1,500 Cemetery Plot \$525 Memorial Fund	February Special Offering \$553 total special offering	March Special Offering \$783 total special offering VBS \$731 \$1,450 Playground
April 2023 Special Offering \$245 total special offering \$195 VBS \$8,000 Playground	May 2023 Special Offering \$452 total special offering \$1,000 Landscaping	June 2023 Special Offering \$424 total special offering \$1,000 Landscaping \$500 playground

July Worship Schedule

July 2 Liturgist: Michele Dupy Ushers: Bill Dupy	July 9 Liturgist: Carolyn Haverland Ushers: Ted Wittliff	July 16 Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: OPEN
July 23 Liturgist: Laurie Morris Ushers: Roy Morris	July 30 Liturgist: Cindy Wood Ushers: Zac Wood	

Baptism Celebration!

On Sunday, May 28th Pastor Charles baptized (4) children. Leona Lynn Empkey, Loewy Tyler Empkey, (parents are Daryl (Hubbard) and Charles Empkey.

Anais Gracen Rodriguez and Luciana Martha Rodriguez. (parents are William & Susan (Hines) Rodriguez.

Congratulations!





New Pianist!

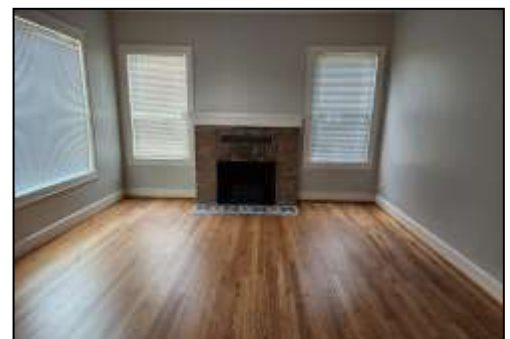
We are pleased to announce that Elizabeth Westlund has agreed to be the permanent pianist for St. Peter's Church. Elizabeth is an advanced, classical pianist, with a Bachelor of Music Degree in piano. She is a state certified music teacher with 37 years experience teaching piano. Her studio is located in Downtown Taylor.

Welcome Elizabeth!



Parsonage Open House Sunday June 25

Thank you "Team Parsonage" and to everyone who donated items to the Wasdin Family.





**ST. PETER'S CHURCH OF COUPLAND
CHURCH COUNCIL SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023
MINUTES**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Meeting was called to order at 11:08 and the opening prayer was said by Pastor Charles

Members Present: Carolyn Haverland, Anita Holubec, Sharon Kreidel, Linda Miller, Laurie Morris, S.R. Moss, Tammy Sane, Peter Wabbel

Members Absent: Cindy Alexander, Janet Doss
Adoption of Agenda – Sharon made a motion to adopt, second by Carolyn, unanimous approval

Approval of Last Month's Minutes – motion was made by Anita and seconded by Peter, passed Unanimously

Financial Reports – Sharon presented the printed reports. There were a few discrepancies in the way Playground and Parsonage are being reported. They are showing as deficits. Laurie will get with Jennifer about those.

Committee Reports

- Playground - Tammy Sane reported that the main structure has been ordered from Texas Backyard Structures and they have received a check for 50% of the cost. The remainder will be due upon installation which will be in 8 – 10 weeks.

- Parsonage – Michele Dupy reported that the interior is finished other than the contractor jobs like kitchen counter tops, tile work, flooring, carpet cleaning, and move in cleaning. Outside jobs still remaining include fencing (to be started late the week of June 12) and priming and painting deck and rails (to be started Friday, June 16 by church member volunteers)

Pastor's Report – printed and included in the Council packet

Old Business

- Parsonage Open House – 9AM to 1PM on Sunday, June 25 (Closed during church services), volunteers will take turns acting as “docents” while congregants walk through

New Business

- Wasdin Family Arrival - 6/27 – a sign-up sheet for Wasdin Welcome items and meal train was placed at the back of the sanctuary, items and gift cards should be brought to the Parsonage Open House on 6/25

- VBS – Monday, 7/10 – Thursday, 7/13, 9AM – 11:30AM, lunch included, HERO HOTLINE Cokesbury curriculum, Rising Kinder – 5th grade, musical presentation by participants at services on Sunday, 7/16, @\$1200 has been donated for VBS

- Event Promotion - Dana Smith purchased a metal sign holder, like those used by real estate agencies, to be placed at the corner of the church property by the road where the large metal banner frame is now. Signs to be placed in holder can be ordered for \$35. Suggested that a more permanent sign for the banner frame be created with general church and worship information.

- Amazon Prime Account – St. Peter's has been using the account created by Pastor Charles. It was suggested that the church purchase its own Prime Account for use by the office and certain committees. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Peter that we approve the purchase of this account. The motion passed unanimously. Charles will start working on this immediately.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:50am

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship	10	11 Coffee Connections 9:30am	12	13 Coupland City Council 6:00pm	14	15
16 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion Church Council	17	18 Coffee Connections 9:30am Senior Lunch 11:30am Elgin Ministerial Alliance 11:30am	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship Potluck Luncheon	24	25 Coffee Connections 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	26	27	28	29 Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry
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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- Elizabeth Westlund

Secretary - Barbara Coleman

Church's phone: 512-856-2433

Church Email: stpeterscoupland@gmail.com

Church Website: stpeterscoupland.org

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