

# 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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### ST. PETERS GETS A FACELIFT

Our long-awaited siding project is nearly finished! The folks from Roof Crafters worked for weeks in 100+ degree temperatures to remove the 40-year-old vinyl siding, install durable fiber-cement siding, add trim and flashing, caulk and paint.

After years of planning and fundraising, our small church managed to raise \$131,435 to cover the cost (including income from interest and the recent movie production).

Many thanks to Danny Smith for initiating and managing the siding project; to Judy Downing, the Master Planning committee and others who coordinated the fundraising; to Council president Sharon Kreidel for overseeing the project, and to everyone who contributed funds.

According to our records, the sanctuary was built in 1905-1906 when the church had 54 member families. The fellowship hall was added in 1925 and the two structures were connected in 1953. Maintaining a 117-year old church is a challenge, but this new siding will protect our building for many years to come.

### 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!*



**STARK REALITY****September 2022**

September marks a definite change in our culture. Our kids have already started back to school. College Football kicks off. Yes, the Aggies and the Longhorns will be playing most weekends. Coupland has a good contingent of fans of both universities. Hopefully September will mark a return to cooler weather and some much-needed rain. We start the month with the holiday of Labor Day! Change is in the air as we head into the fall.

So, what about the church? September is a good time to return to church. Our attendance was definitely up on the last Sunday in August. We had some visitors, and we were excited to once again have children in worship. Our Adult Class which meets at 9:15 in the Conference Room had 8 people in attendance with a very lively conversation.

This month we will add a special study opportunity as we explore the parables of Jesus on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. The study is entitled Stories Jesus Told: How to Read a Parable by Greg Carey who is a Professor at Lancaster Seminary. This is a six-week study which will begin on September 14. Please spread the word and I would appreciate folks letting me know if you are planning to attend so that I have an idea of how many to prepare for in terms of this study.

On September 25, in place of our normal potluck, we will be hosting our Annual Church picnic which was on hold due to the pandemic. We will gather under the covered pavilion for an outdoor worship experience followed by a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs provided by the Men's Group. Folks are asked to bring sides and desserts to be shared. It promises to be a fun time for all ages.

This month will see the return of our Coupland Civic Organization which meets in our Fellowship Hall. Their September 26 meeting looks like it will be very interesting with the hosting of a Ukrainian Family. Look for more details in this newsletter. Everyone is invited.

When our Council held their planning retreat at the beginning of this year, one of the goals was to work on Evangelism. While we have not done a lot in that area so far, I really want all of us to think about how we might invite our neighbors and friends to join us in the life of St. Peter's. This is clearly a growing community and so the opportunity is there to extend the invitation far and wide. I also want to lift up the opportunity for invitation is not just limited to Sunday worship but any event that the church is hosting. There are many folks who might be more comfortable attending an event rather than worship and that is okay.

I look forward to an exciting fall and hope you do as well.

Shalom

Rev. Charles Stark  
Interim Pastor



## GARAGE SALE

### Annual St. Peter's Garage Sale September 10

Our annual garage sale is this month from 8am to 1pm. Carolyn Haverland will be at the church Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12noon to accept garage sale items. If you would like to assist with bagging and checking out items, please sign up. Signup sheet will be in the back of the church.

*Any questions, please contact Carolyn Haverland at 512) 924-2202*



### Diners

Thursday September 15 is diners night out. Becky Sutton is coordinating.



### Senior Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be on September 20 at 11:30 a.m. Bingo and "42" Dominoes will be played. If you would like to play bingo at our luncheon, it is encouraged that you bring a prize under \$10. Hope to see you for a fun day!!

Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli Co-Chairmen



### Church Picnic

After a two year hiatus, our annual church picnic is back! Join us Sunday, September 25 under the Pavilion for worship service. After service, hamburgers, hotdogs with all the fixins and drinks will be provided. Members may bring a side dish and/or dessert if they prefer.



### Coupland Civic Organization Monday September 26

We will have an exciting program with Debrah Candelas and her partner Jeff Teasdale giving us a recap of their journey to Ukraine. CCO will be serving a spaghetti supper for all attendees beginning at 6:30pm with the program commencing at 7:00 p.m.



### Neighbors in Need 2022

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.



**July 2022 Income**

Total Regular Giving for July \$15,567

Budgeted Amount for July \$14,473.75

Total Regular Giving January thru July \$85,396.76

Budgeted Amount January thru July \$89,737.25

\*Regular Offering Only\*

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**September 2022 Offerings:**

- Sunday September 4 - Board of Christian Ed
- Sunday September 11 - Landscaping Fund
- Sunday September 18 - Regular Offering
- Sunday September 25 - Evangelism & Member Care

**September Worship Schedule**

<b>September 4</b> Liturgist: Becky Sutton Ushers: Ted Wittliff	<b>September 11</b> Liturgist: Cindy Wood Ushers: Zac Wood
<b>September 18</b> Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: OPEN	<b>September 25 - Picnic</b> Liturgist: Laurie Morris Ushers: Roy Morris

**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

**September**

- 3rd Martin Garrison
- 5th Wyatt Townsend
- 6th William Matetzschk
- 8th Aaron Fryer
- 9th Erin Barber, Carmen Rathburn,  
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



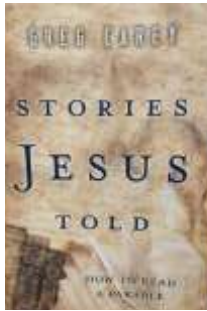


## Confirmation Class



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Parents or Grandparents of 7th and 8th grade youth, if your interested in your child or grandchild being Confirmed, please contact Charles Stark.



### Adult Bible Study Class

Pastor Charles will start a new weekly bible study class beginning Wednesday September 14 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!



### Choo Choo Fest October 2

Save the date! Choo Choo Fest is scheduled for Sunday October 2 with a barbecue meal served at 11:30am. More details to come in next newsletter.

### Kirchenfest

#### Kirchenfest

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



### Trunk or Treat

The Annual "Trunk or Treat" event, presented by the Coupland Civic Organization, will take place on Sunday, October 30th 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.



Thank you to Michele Dupy for the beautiful altar flower arrangements.



Thank you to S.R. Moss for donating a water shutoff tool to the church.

### Recent Memorials

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

**For:** Nancy Goodlett  
**By:** Arthur & Joyce Henze (N)  
 Don & Sandra Wernli (N)

**For:** Mary Selma Raesz Moczygamba  
**By:** Bill & Charlotte Albert (N)



**St. Peter's Church of Coupland  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2022**

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

Absent: Anita Holubec

The agenda was adopted.

Approval was received for the minutes for July 2022.

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

**Committee reports:**

Pastoral Search Committee: Committee is still searching for additional candidates.

**Pastor's report:**

The month of July marked Pastor Charles' one-year anniversary as our Interim Pastor. He provided worship attendance for the month of July for 2021 and 2022. Please see Pastor's report for more information.

**Old Business:**

**Playground:** The swing set will be repaired when cooler weather arrives.

**Sign:** Handed off to Master Planning Committee. Danny Smith, Judy Downing, and Michele Dupy are researching costs for a new sign which is cheaper than repairing current sign.

**Offering Envelopes:** A motion was made and approved by Council members to change to a larger envelope. More details will be provided in the future.

**Storage Shelves and Bins:** The shelves are in the process of being assembled. Charlotte Albert, Sandra Wernli, and Janet Doss will organize the decorations.

**Garage Sale:** The date has been set for September 10, 2022. Volunteers are needed to set up tables and pricing of items after potluck on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Siding Update:** Project is almost finished. Work on overhang ,lights, and gutters still need to be addressed.

**Annual Church Picnic:** It will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> which is potluck Sunday. It will be held outside on the Pavilion. The Men's Brotherhood will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Members will provide sides and desserts. Volunteers will be needed to set up tables and chairs.

**Kirchenfest:** It will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Charlotte Albert will send out invites to those that will be honored. The meal will be catered, and monetary donations will be accepted to offset the cost.

**New Business:**

**Pianist/organist for funerals:** A motion was made approved that the church will pay for this service for members of St. Peter's.

**Budget Review/Committee for 2023:** Input will need to be provided from all the committees regarding budget needed for 2023.

**Auditorium Fees:** The council voted that no fees would be charged for funerals.

**Coupland School Evacuation:** The council granted permission to the Coupland School to use the church for evacuation purposes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alexander  
Secretary

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>September Bread Baker</b> SR Moss  <b>September Event Coordinator</b> SR Moss				1	2	3
4 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	5 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	6 Coffee Connections 9:30am	7	8	9	10 <b>Garage</b> <b>Sale</b> <b>8:00am to</b> <b>1:00pm</b>
11 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship	12	13 Coffee Connections 9:30am	14 <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10am</b>	15 <b>Diners</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	16	17
18 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion <b>11:30am Council</b>	19	20 Coffee Connections 9:30am  <b>Senior</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>11:30am</b>	21 <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10am</b>	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24
25 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship in the Pavilion <b>11:30am Church Picnic</b>	26 <b>CCO</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	27 Coffee Connections 9:30am  Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	28 <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10am</b>	29	30	

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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*

*Church Email: stpeterscoupland@gmail.com*

*Church Website: stpeterscoupland.org*

**September 2022**

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