

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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Mark 16:6 NRSV

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.



Holy Week begins April 10

Holy Week begins April 10 thru April 16.

The following services will take place during the week:

- **April 10th** Palm Sunday Service at 10:15am
- **April 14th** Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at 8pm (no soup supper)



Celebrate the Resurrection!

Join us on Sunday April 17 as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Our celebration begins with Easter Sunrise Service at 7am. After sunrise service, the Men's Brotherhood will be serving a full Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30am. All are welcome! **Donations are appreciated.**

Worship Service and Communion will begin at 10:15am. The children will participate in the Easter Program during the morning Worship Service in place of a Children's Time. Afterwards, they will have an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30am.

**STARK REALITY****APRIL 2022**

The highlight of this month is summed up in the words of one of my favorite hymns, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." On April 17, we will culminate our preparations during Lent by celebrating the resurrection of our Lord during special Easter worship services. We will begin with Sunrise Services at 7:00 a.m. Why do we add an extra service on such a busy day? This service is a way to reaffirm that Easter morning is a special morning in our relationship with God unlike any other regular Sunday morning. The cool morning air is a reminder of the experience of the women who came to the tomb early in the morning to find the shock of their lives and discover the reality of the empty tomb. We will hold this sunrise service next to the parsonage in the grassy lot recognizing that God is present with us at home as well as out in the countryside. Also, this will facilitate our next event.

Following this service, we will gather in our fellowship hall for a wonderful Easter Breakfast prepared by our own Peter Wabbel. Our sharing a meal will symbolize the new life in Christ that we all share through the events of that first Easter. This will not be a continental breakfast but a full-fledged feast to celebrate our Good News appropriately. If you've never experienced the wonderful sense of community warmth and sharing that occurs at an Easter breakfast, you are in for a real treat! I hope that every one of you will be able to attend. Invite your friends, because this is a community event! Don't miss it!

Later that morning we will share our joy in our 10:15 worship through the beautiful Easter Flower Cross which will be brought in during a processional march of children and worship participants. Please remember to bring any wild flowers or flowers plus some greenery from your yard and gardens to church on Saturday evening or early Sunday morning so that the flower cross can be assembled prior to service time. During that worship we will celebrate the the Lord's Supper which is open to all. Please make plans to reaffirm your commitment to Christ through these special events.

See you in church!

Charles

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENNEBRAE SERVICE

Many of the events surrounding the last days in the life of Christ are shrouded in darkness. In the fourth century a solemn observance of the Lord's Supper, known as "Tenebrae" was celebrated. The service involved the extinguishing of candles as a reminder of the darkness that covered the earth after the passion and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The word "Tenebrae" means darkness.

The service ends in almost total darkness. The candles are gradually extinguished, symbolic of the gradual flight and denial of the disciples and friends of Jesus during the crucifixion.

As we see the pageant is unfolding we are reminded of our own falling away and the consequence of separation from God. However, at the end, one light still remains; the light of Christ can never be extinguished. In that light we find forgiveness, fellowship, and communion with our Lord.

After the final benediction, everyone is asked to slowly and quietly leave by the light of the Christ candle and in silence until you are in your cars and on your way home.



Senior Luncheon

We had a wonderful luncheon with 58 Senior Citizens attending including Hostesses and Helpers. Peter Wabbel, Master Chef, cooked a very delicious lunch.

We thank you, Peter for everything you did. We appreciate it very much! We thank our Hostesses: Peter Wabbel, Joyce & Arthur Henze, Becky Sutton, Cynthia & Teddy Wittliff.

Helpers were: Sandra & Don Wernli, Wanda Walther, Charlotte Albert, JoAnn Ging, Cindy Alexander, Linda Miller & Lois Schmidt. Bingo & "42 Dominoes were played.

Our next Seniors Luncheon will be on May 17 at 11:30 am. If you would like to play bingo, it is suggested but not required that you bring a prize under \$10. "42" Dominoes will also be played.

Hope to see you there!

Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli
Co-Chairs



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

April Birthdays

2nd Clayton Ging
 3rd Callie Sane
 5th Traeton Thompson
 7th Ben Watson, Julie Gregory
 11th Jason Fryer
 13th Dakota Marak, Joyce Henze
 15th Avery Ochoa
 16th Brenda Arlene Albert, John Sumner
 17th Alice Matetzschk
 21st Derek Rumel, Elaine Heinzke-Hennig
 25th Velma Schneider
 26th Matthew Valchar
 27th Jim Rollins
 28th Staci Johns, Shorty Johns, S.R. Moss
 29th Adam Doss, Kaylee Nelson
 30th Isadora Streit, Karen Rhoades





February 2022 Income

Budget Amount Per Sunday \$2,894.75

Total Regular Giving for February \$11,791

Budgeted Amount for February \$11,579

Total Regular Giving for January and February \$22,714

Budgeted Income January thru February \$26,052.75

Regular Offering Only

Thank You
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April 2022 Special Offerings:

Sunday April 3 - Board of Christian Education

Sunday April 6 - Slumber Falls Camp - Lent

Good Friday - Williamson County Child Welfare

Easter Sunday April 17 - Adopt-A-Child

Easter Sunday April 17 - Evangelism/Member Care

April Worship Schedule

April 3 Liturgist: Michele Dupy Ushers: Bill Dupy	April 10 Liturgist: Judy Downing Ushers: Zac & Cindy Wood
April 17 - Easter Sunday Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: Anita Holubec Greeters: Don & Sandra Wernli	April 24 Liturgist: Carolyn Haverland Ushers: Danny & Dana Smith

A big Thank You to the following members:

- Danny Smith - for repairing all the toilets, the trash bin retainer, and a piece of siding that came off the parsonage.
- Peter Wabbel - for going the extra mile and cleaning up after each Lenten Meal.

Thank you



WANTED: We need some help creating graphics for social media posts and other promotions. Also, does anyone have a Cricut machine to make vinyl letters? Please contact Dana Smith at texana488@gmail.com

Help St. Peter's Spread the Good News

In today's world, social media is one of the best ways to reach out to the surrounding community and connect with our members and friends, near and far.

St. Peter's has been using Facebook for several years and we have just started an Instagram page. We post scripture, church news and events, and inspirational messages. See our pages at:

[Facebook.com/StPetersCoupland](https://www.facebook.com/StPetersCoupland)

[Instagram.com/StPetersCoupland](https://www.instagram.com/StPetersCoupland)

Here's how you can help us gain more visibility on these sites:

1. "Follow" our Facebook and Instagram pages so the content will appear in your newsfeed.
2. "Like" our posts and "Comment" on them. These social sites are like popularity contests - the more Likes and Comments a post has, the more people will see it.
3. "Share" selected posts on your own newsfeed, by clicking the Share button below the post. This will be especially helpful in the week before Easter as we try to reach a wider audience.
4. If you can help with creating or posting content on St. Peter's social pages, please contact Dana Smith at texana488@gmail.com. We especially need someone who can create graphics with images and text.

Other Church News



Church Council

This month's Council will meet on the 2nd Sunday, April 10 instead of the 3rd Sunday Easter Sunday.



Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry

St. Peter's Church has been asked to assist with the distribution of food **Saturday, April 30**. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated

Recent Memorials

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

For: Cemetery Fund

By: Mark & Lynda Mohr (C)

For: Cemetery Fund

By: Elaine Heinzke-Henning (C)



**St. Peter's Church of Coupland
Council Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2022
Not yet approved**

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

Absent: Sharon Kreidel

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.

Committee reports:

Pastoral Search Committee: One application has been received and under review.

Pastor's report:

Reviewed the Pastor's report. Pastor Charles was busy with several zoom meetings with the Heart of Texas Association Committees for Planning and Ministry. He worked on our statistical report to the UCC Data Hub. He researched the most recent Church Record Book and put together a spreadsheet for current membership and it will be used to make adjustments to our membership number during 2022. This will be particularly helpful as the Association Dues will be raised from \$5 per member to \$7.50 in 2022. Please see Pastor's report for more detail.

Old Business:

Member List: The member list was reviewed by Barbara Piper, Sandra Wernli and Judy Downing to identify those that have not been active for quite some time. This list was later given to Barbara Coleman.

A letter was drafted by Pastor Charles and reviewed and approved by council members to be mailed. A new member list will be created after responses have been received.

Call list: This list will be revised after the member list is updated.

Playground: This is on hold until the siding is determined.

Sign: This is on hold until the siding is determined.

Repairs: Toilet repairs have been completed by Danny Smith. Dishwasher is on hold until siding is determined.

New Business:

Easter Week: A Maundy Thursday service will be held in place of Good Friday Service. It will begin at sunset at 8:00 pm. Sunrise service will be held at 7:00 am on Easter Sunday, with breakfast following at 7:30, and the Easter Egg hunt will be after church.

St. Peter's accounts: A motion was made and approved to authorize the following users on all operating and vendor accounts: Stacy Stork, Sharon Kreidel, and Janet Doss.

Memorial Weekend Service: Motion was made and approved for Charles to attend the conference meeting at Camp Allen in Navasota, TX. He will find someone to conduct services.

Elected and Appointed Committees: A task force was appointed to review and update all the committees. The task force will consist of Sharon Kreidel, Roy Morris, and Carolyn Haverland.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alexander
Secretary

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April Bread Baker Anita Holubec April Event Coordinator Anita Holubec					1	2
3 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	4	5 Coffee Connections 9:30am Confirmation 5-6pm	6 Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Service 7pm	7	8	9
10 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship Church Council	11	12 Coffee Connections 9:30am Confirmation 5-6pm	13	14 Maundy Thursday with Communion 8pm	15 Good Friday No Service	16
17 Easter Sunday 7:00am Sunrise Service 7:30am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion 11:30 Easter Egg Hunt	18	19 Coffee Connections 9:30am Elgin Ministerial Alliance 11:30am Confirmation 5-6pm	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23
24 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship Potluck Luncheon	25	26 Coffee Connections 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 10:30am Confirmation 5-6pm	27	28	29	30 Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry

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Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 12 noon

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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

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