

# 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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### Psalm 9:1 NRSV

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.



## *In Loving Memory of Those We Lost*

A time of remembrance. **Totenfest** is November 20. We will ring the bell for our loved ones who died since Totenfest 2021.



**Nancy Adele Goodlett**  
July 4, 2022



**Patricia Ann (Prinz)  
Funderburgh Loughrige**  
September 22, 2022

### *2 Timothy 4:7-8 NRSV*

*<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.*

*<sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

**STARK REALITY****NOVEMBER 2022**

I love the changing of the seasons. I really appreciated the fall when we lived in Maine. The glorious changing of the leaves to bright red, yellow and orange was a reminder of the glory of God's creation. This is the month to remember to be thankful for all that God has given us. We give thanks for the beauty of creation, the warm love of family and friends, and the many blessings we enjoy each day.

One major change that we all experience this month takes place on the first Sunday of November. On **November 6**, daylight savings time ends and we return to Central Standard time. The good news is that no one will be late for church. If by chance you forget to change your clocks, you can join us for the Adult Class that starts at 9:15am.

This month as we gather to celebrate the **Thanksgiving Holiday**, I hope you will enjoy some good food, some time with family, and make a point to be in church to give God thanks! Two Sundays in November have special meaning for the life of the church.

**November 20** is not only Thanksgiving Sunday but also Totenfest. As the last Sunday in the liturgical church year, we pause to remember those of our members who have passed on to the church Triumphant. It is appropriate that we take time on Thanksgiving Sunday to give thanks for those whom God has received home into the eternal realm.

**November 27** is the first Sunday in Advent. You may recall from last year if you were here that we had a special "Hanging of the Greens" service. This service begins the season of Advent as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. During this service we will explain the Christmas symbols and everyone will have a part in decorating our tree as we sing those familiar Christmas hymns and carols. It is a service that you definitely do not want to miss.

Finally, I will be giving thanks this month as my family gathers in Cancun, Mexico from **November 8-13** for the wedding of my oldest granddaughter Shelby. While I am away, Pastor Charlotte will be available for pastoral care and will lead worship on November 13.

With expectations of Peace and Joy

Shalom

Rev. Charles Stark  
Interim Pastor



## Election Day

Tuesday, November 8 is election day. St. Peter's Church will serve as one of the voting locations in Williamson County from 7am to 7pm. Please note, unless you are voting, do not enter the Fellowship Hall.



## Senior Luncheon

Don't forget our Thanksgiving Meal Senior Citizens Luncheon on November 15th at 11:30 a.m. We will be playing "42" Dominoes and Bingo. If you are playing Bingo it is encouraged to bring a prize of \$10 or under. We look forward to seeing you there.

This will be our last luncheon until January 17th 2023 at 11:30 a.m..

We hope to see you in the New Year!  
Co-Chairs -- Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli



## Hanging of the Greens

Join us November 27 as we begin the Advent season by decorating the Church Christmas Tree. Everyone is invited to participate. We need volunteers to help prepare for Hanging of the Greens. If you can volunteer, please contact Charles.



## Diners Night Out

Diners will not meet in November due to Thanksgiving.

# Vacation

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Charles will be on vacation Tuesday November 8 thru Monday November 14. Charlotte Albert will be preaching Sunday November 13.

## Member News

- ◆ Ruby and Peter Wabbel flew to Germany to celebrate Peter's birthday on October 16. This was also Ruby's father's birthday, Albert Cook, who passed away in April of this year. They will return in November
- ◆ Cindy and Zac Wood attended a family reunion in Brownfield Texas on October 14 thru October 16



**September 2022 Income**

Total Regular Giving for September \$8,812

Budgeted Amount for September \$11,579

Total Regular Giving January thru September \$106,426.76

Budgeted Amount January thru September \$112,895.25

\*Regular Offering Only\*

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

**November 2022 Offerings:**

- Sunday November 6 - Board of Christian Ed
- Sunday November 13 - Down Home Ranch
- Sunday November 20 - Cemetery Fund
- Sunday November 27 - Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry

**November Worship Schedule**

<b>November 6</b> Liturgist: Michele Dupy Ushers: Bill Dupy	<b>November 13</b> Liturgist: Becky Sutton Ushers: Anita Holubec
<b>November 20 - Totenfest</b> Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: Ted Wittliff	<b>November 27 - Hanging of the Greens</b> Liturgist: Michele Dupy Ushers: Bill Dupy

**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

**November Birthdays**

- 1st Ruby Wabbel
- 2nd Judy Downing
- 5th Zac Wood
- 6th Dinah Smith
- 7th Hank Smith
- 8th Brandon Dupy
- 9th Peggy Rollins
- 10th DeAnna Snell, Regina Eiben, Doyle Lee  
Harkins, Barbara Coleman
- 11th Lance Haag
- 13th Isabel Albert
- 14th Aleshia Harkins, Alice Finn
- 16th Rex Snell
- 17th Scott Allen, Dawn Fischer
- 22nd Jonathan Barker??
- 23rd Terry Kuntschik
- 24th Matt Eiben
- 25th Sandra Wernli, Lindsey Reyes





## Historic Stained Glass Windows

The beautiful stained glass windows adorning St. Peter's Church are more than a century old and quite valuable. In 2008 we hired the stained glass experts at Associated Crafts & Willet Hauser (founded in 1898) to replace the aging and yellowed protective covers on the exterior of the windows with new impact-resistant coverings. The work was funded by donations from St. Peter's members, and in some cases former members or their families.

During the recent installation of our new siding, one of the window covers was accidentally cracked. Reed Oliver, our rep from Associated Crafts & Willet Hauser, traveled to Coupland to replace the window covering at no charge. We're grateful that the window covering did its job of protecting our stained glass and appreciate the excellent service from Reed and his company.

### HEART OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION NEWS:



## Fall Association Meeting

The Heart of Texas Association's Executive Committee invites all authorized ministers and congregations to our Fall Association Meeting on November 12th at Weimar United Church of Christ at 10 am.

The agenda is still being developed but plan on at least the following and if you have other items please send to the HOTA Moderator, [carl.king@me.com](mailto:carl.king@me.com)

- Ministerial Standings in the Manual on Ministry
- State of Associations in the Conferences
- Ecclesiastical Council

There will be a virtual option but we strongly encourage those who can attend to attend onsite!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU



I was surprised on Sunday October 23 with a beautiful greeting card and enclosed gift card from St. Peter's as a way of recognizing Pastor Appreciation Month. I want to extend my sincere thanks and deep gratitude for this expression of appreciation for my ministry among you. You all are a very special people and a real joy to be with in ministry. - Pastor Charles

### Recent Memorials

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

**For:** Luther Draehn

**By:** Bill & Charlotte Albert (N)

**For:** Nancy Goodlett

**By:** VFW Auxiliary to Elgin Post No. 6115 (N)



**St. Peter's Church of Coupland  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2022**

Members present: Sharon Kreidel, Carolyn Haverland,, Roy Morris, Sandra Wernli, S.R. Moss, Anita Holubec

Absent: Peter Wabbel, Bonnie Sladek, Janet Doss

The agenda was adopted with additions.

Minutes for September 2022 were approved after revision to include Anita Holubec as "Absent".

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

**Committee reports:**

No updates to Committee reports were available.

**Pastor's report:**

Pastor Charles commented the search for a pianist is ongoing. He provided payment ranges for other postings. Based on this information, a motion was made to increase the amount for each service and to include mileage if applicable.

**Old Business:**

**Playground:** Jim Alexander has determined the supplies that will be needed to repair the swing. Repairs will begin once manpower and equipment become available.

**Sign:** Michele Dupuy reported the Committee is working with Danny Smith on costs for the sign. In addition, they are requesting quotes for running electricity to the pavilion for future projects for promoting Church activities.

**Offering Envelopes:** The council finalized the offering envelopes and request will be sent to vendor.

**Siding Update:** Final walk through is pending with contractor.

**Gutter Update:** Project has been completed. Kirchenfest: It will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Invitations have been sent to the confirmands. Dedication of siding will be included.

**New Business:**

**Edward Jones Accounts:** A motion was made and approved by the council to keep all interest accrued in the various accounts.

**Air Conditioner and Dishwasher for Parsonage:**

A motion was made and approved by the council to replace the upstairs' air conditioner and dishwasher.

**Thermostats:** Pastor Charles suggested to upgrade the 6 thermostats that will be Internet enabled to allow for easier control of temperatures for activities in the Fellowship Building and Sanctuary. A motion was made and approved by the council to upgrade the thermostats.

**Budget:** Work has begun on the 2023 budget. Janet Doss, Financial Officer, will form a committee to finalize projected budget to be presented to the Council.

**Nominating Committee:** Work will begin on filling vacancies for the Church Council in 2023. Sandra Wernli and Carolyn Haverland have agreed to serve on the Committee.

**Use of Kitchen:** Peter Wabbel requested approval from the Council to allow him to use the Church kitchen in December. A motion was made and approved by the Council to allow Peter to use the kitchen.

**Cemetery:** The Council is reviewing and evaluating Zac Wood's performance for maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

The council reviewed the calendars for November and December and changes were added.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alexander  
Secretary

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>November Bread Baker</b> <b>November Event Coordinator</b> Anita & Carolyn		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	7	<b>8</b> Coffee Connections 9:30am <b>Election Day</b>	9	10	<b>11</b> <b>Veteran's            Day</b>	12
<b>13</b> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship	14	<b>15</b> Coffee Connections 9:30am <b>Senior Lunch</b>	16	17	18	19
<b>20</b> <b>Totenfest</b> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion <b>11:30am Council</b>	21	<b>22</b> Coffee Connections 9:30am	<b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>24</b> <b>Thanksgiving            Day</b>	25	26
<b>27</b> <b>Hanging of the Greens</b> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship	28	<b>29</b> Coffee Connections 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	30			

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## *Come and Worship with Us*

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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*

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*Church Website: stpeterscoupland.org*

**November 2022**

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