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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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Merry Christmas!

Angel Tree Project



St. Peter's is sponsoring the Angel Tree Project again this year. This is a community project with Coupland School and Coupland Volunteer Fire Department. The school helps us to identify students that might need some assistance including their younger/older siblings, and the Fire Department assists with the

delivery of the gifts to the families.

We do 3 gifts for each individual that includes: (1) shirt & pant, (2) wish list toy/gift, (3) wish list toy/gift. You can pick up gift tags in the back of the church. You may take all 3 tags for the individual or one tag if you prefer. And, of course, you may shop for more than one individual. When you select your tags from the sign-up sheet, please write your name and phone number in the block of the associated tags in case we need to contact you.

Please return the wrapped gifts with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 11**. This date is very important for coordination with the school and fire department. If there is anyone that needs community service credit, you are invited to stay after church to assist with bundling the gifts and preparing them for pick-up.

If you have questions, please contact Doreen Streit at dkstreit@ymail.com or 512/659-3625.



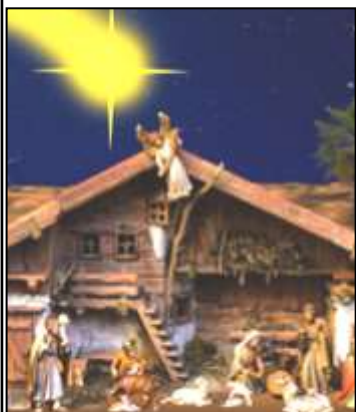
Luke 1:30-31 NRSV

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Joy to the World!
Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Saturday December 10	6:30pm Christmas Party at the Wittliff's
Sunday December 11 2:00pm to 4:00pm	Christmas Pageant Practice, crafts and snacks
Sunday December 18	10:15am Children's Christmas Pageant
Saturday December 24	6pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday December 25	10:15am Christmas Service





STARK REALITY

Due to all the news in December the reality is, there was no space for our Pastor

FROM CHARLOTTE ALBERT

We want to celebrate, the Guenther/Benad/Wilson Family on their Confirmation Anniversaries in 2022. Though we have had many who have several generations confirmed at St. Peter's, this is unique in that, though Alice Guenther has already passed on to her heavenly home, she would be celebrating her 80th Confirmation anniversary this year, along with her daughter, Mary Guenther Benad, celebrating her 50th Confirmation anniversary, and her granddaughter, Candace Benad Wilson, celebrating her 25th Confirmation anniversary.

Mary Benad, has shared with us, her feelings of the importance of St. Peter's Church in her family's life.

FROM MARY BENAD

St. Peters is a family. That is what I think of growing up in this church. It did not matter what religion you are, the color of your skin or your personal beliefs, St. Peters welcomed everyone. I loved singing in choir with my daddy and playing the chimes.

The Christmas Eve services, singing Christmas songs in German, potluck dinners, vacation bible school, and of course, Ms. Gretchen and her special birthday cakes she gave to every child she taught. Those are only a few of the many wonderful memories I have.

To me, St. Peters is what every church wishes they could be; a kind, loving and caring church with open arms and hearts to anyone and everyone.

Reverend Johnson, baptized me, confirmed me and then married me. My daughter Candace, and my grandson Kade were baptized at St. Peters.

I love that our family has a history with the church. Since I no longer live in the area, I do miss coming to church and wish I lived closer. When anyone asks me, I always tell them that St. Peter's is my church and is home.



Left to right:

Candance Benad Wilson, Alice Streit Guenther, Kade Wilson (baptized at St. Peters) and Mary Guenther Wilson



Upgrades to the Church and Parsonage

A big thank you to Pastor Charles and Danny Smith for the hours they spent installing six new programmable thermostats in the church. They ran into some technical issues with the existing wiring that required support from the manufacturer (EcoBee) so the job took much longer than expected.

The thermostats are grouped into two zones, for the sanctuary and fellowship hall. The programming can be adjusted remotely by computer or phone app to accommodate meetings and events. There's also a manual override feature at each thermostat.

Vic's Heat and Air has replaced the broken air conditioning system on the second floor of the parsonage, and the leaking dishwasher in the parsonage was replaced by Rick Murdock with some assistance from Danny. RoofCrafters is finishing up a few final punch-list items on the siding project.



Senior Luncheon

There were 62 senior citizens that attended our senior citizen Thanksgiving meal luncheon including Hostesses & Helpers. It was a Great Day! Donations for the Thanksgiving meal were greatly appreciated.

Hostesses were : Sandra & Don Wernli, Becky Sutton, Charlotte Albert , Cindy & Jim Alexander, Hermania Vitek, Bonnie Sladek, Janet Doss, Jack Piper, Lois Schmidt Joyce & Arthur Henze.
Helpers were: Wanda Walther, JoAnn Ging & Teddy Wittliff.

Thanks to Cindy Wood & Joyce Henze for calling Bingo! There lots of bingo players and 3 tables of "42" Dominoes.

Pastor Charles did our table blessing & announcements. Thanks to everyone who helped us with the Thanksgiving meal in any way!

Our next Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on January 17, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. Come join us in the New Year! If you would like to play bingo, it is encouraged to bring a prize under \$10. "42 " Dominoes will be played!

Co-Chairs,
Sandra Wernli & Lois Schmidt



Christmas Party

Ted & Cynthia Wittliff have graciously offered to host our Christmas Party on Saturday December 11 at 6:30pm. More details will be in upcoming emails and the Sunday bulletin.



Regular Offering Income
October 2022

Total Regular Giving for October \$11,355
Budgeted Amount for October \$14,473.75
Total Regular Giving January thru October \$117,781.76
Budgeted Amount January thru October \$127,369
Regular Offering Only

Regular Offering Income
November 2022

Total Regular Giving for November \$12,404.62
Budgeted Amount for November \$11,579
Total Regular Giving January thru November \$130,186.38
Budgeted Amount January thru November \$138,948
Regular Offering Only

Recent Memorials

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

For: Luther Draehn
By: Calvin Ging (N)

December Worship Schedule

December 4 Liturgist: NEEDED Ushers: Judy Downing	December 11 Liturgist: Cindy Wood Ushers: Zac Wood
December 18 Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: NEEDED	December 25 - Christmas Day Liturgist: NEEDED Ushers: NEEDED

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

December Birthdays

- 3rd Jacob Doss, Tessa Streit
- 5th Sophia Rae Eiben, Amber Ging
- 7th Reagan Fischer
- 8th Irene Florida
- 12th Jeff Stork
- 15th Cameron Dupy
- 16th Sydney Snell Payne
- 17th Bradley Nelson, Johnathan Dupy
- 18th Craig Albert
- 20th Michael Wellings
- 21st Gene Henze
- 22nd Cody Cox
- 23rd Teddy Wittliff
- 24th Carrie Townsend
- 29th Dakota Brown
- 30th Brittney Brown
- 31st Kimber Finn





CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES - 2022

CLASS of 2012 – 10 YEARS

Confirmed May 6, 2012 by
The Rev. Dr. John Sumner

Alaina Gregory
Kate Wellings
Torsten Wabbel
Staci Johns Howell
Ben Watson

CLASS of 1997 – 25 YEARS

Confirmed March 23, 1997 by
The Rev. Dr. Sarah Bentley

Candace Benad Wilson
**(daughter)
Beau Finn

CLASS of 1972 – 50 YEARS

Confirmed March 26, 1972 by
The Rev. Jewel Johnson
(Deceased)

Vickie Jeanne Marburger Marshall
Cathi Denise Becker (no known
information)
Mary Frances Guenther Benad
**(mother)
Kandice Jill Poldrack Samuelson
Dennis Wayne Nickel, (Deceased)
Larry Wayne Burnett, (Deceased)
Terry Glen Blackwell, (Deceased)
Philip Neal Eschberger

CLASS of 1947 – 75 YEARS

NO CLASS

CLASS OF 1942 – 80 YEARS

Confirmed May 24, 1942 by The Rev. Robert Mohr (Deceased)

the largest class to ever be confirmed at
St. Peters Church

With 26 students confirmed on that day.

We are greatly HONORED today to have the only living member of this class, and still an
ACTIVE member of St. Peter's Church.

CALVIN JAMES GING

The members of St. Peter's Church thank you for your dedication and devotion to this Church.
You are a wonderful example and blessing to each of us and we celebrate YOU today!

Other members of the Class of 1942:

(all deceased)

Melvin Paul Fritz Kaiser

Alvin Emil Hardi

Edna Bertha Matetzschk

Ruth Irene Becker Nickel

Laverne Annie Preusse Pullin

Katie Prinz Vaughan

Calvin Charles Eschberger

Carl Gottlieb Prinz

Calvin Greinert

Evelyn Adele Kreidel Sinningson

William Gustafson

Lorene Alma Prinz (married name)

Olivert "Ollie" Findeisen (Red) Brabandt

Alice Ruth Streit Guenther

Alice Norene Zucknick Schernik

Alfred Oscar Wernli

Reuben Sam Wernli

Henry Julius Seggern

Virgil Roy Rohlack

Frances Jeanette Kreidel Leshikar

Gussie Lorene Rieger Oslick

Dora Leona Thiele Prinz

John Carl Diebel

Edmond Fritz Haverland

Edward Gus Haverland



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

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

The agenda was adopted. Minutes for October 2022 were approved.

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

Committee reports: Pastoral Search Committee: Michelle Dupy reported the pastoral search committee met on November 7, 2022, and recommended expanding the search outside the current parameters. This will be discussed at the Annual Congregational meeting on January 8, 2023.

Pastor's report: Pastor Charles led worship on Kirchenfest and dedicated our new siding. Please see Pastor's report for additional information.

Old Business: Playground: No update. Sign: No update.

Offering Envelopes: The new offering envelopes have been ordered and will be available by the end of the year,

Siding Update: Final walk through completed. The doors will need to be repainted.

Fire Extinguisher Annual Inspection – November 17th: Upstairs extinguisher tagged due to leakage. It has been repaired.

Air Conditioner for Parsonage: New air conditioner was installed by Vic's AC in the upstairs of the parsonage. They also updated duct work.

Thermostats: New thermostats have been installed.

Dishwasher for Parsonage: New dishwasher was installed by Rick Murdock free of charge.

New Business:

Coupland ISD: Council approved use of Fellowship Hall for Christmas Party on December 9, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

Active Adult Annual Christmas Party: Will be held at Cynthia and Ted Witliff's house on December 10, 2022.

Budget 2023: Budget committee is meeting.

Nominating Committee: The council will need 3 persons to fill vacancies in 2023.

Review Process when someone passes: A motion was made and approved by the council to ask people on call list if they prefer to be contacted by email, text, or phone call.

Annual Congregation Meeting Date: Council approved January 8, 2023, as the date for the annual meeting. The council reviewed the calendars for December 2022 and January 2023. Event coordinators will be Carolyn Haverland for December and Anita Holubec for January.

Thanks to Janet Doss for taking council meeting notes in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alexander
Secretary

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December Bread Baker Carolyn Haverland December Event Coordinator Carolyn Haverland				1	2	3
4 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	5	6 Coffee Connections 9:30am	7	8 6:00pm Coupland City Council meeting - Conf Room	9 6:30pm Coupland ISD Christmas Party	10 6:30pm Christmas Party at the Wittliff's
11 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship 2:00pm Christmas Pageant Practice, crafts, and snacks	12	13 Coffee Connections 9:30am	14	15	16	17
18 Christmas Caroling on Horses 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion 10:15am Children's Christmas Pageant 11:30am Council 5:30pm Santa at the Depot	19	20 Coffee Connections 9:30am	21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25 Christmas Day 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Christmas Service	26	27 Coffee Connections 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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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

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