



The Voice on the Hill

St. Peter's Church of Coupland

October, 2025

Mission Statement

Recognizing Jesus Christ as the Son of God, we 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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Shepherd's Heart Food Distribution October 4

Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution at the Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry on **Saturday, October 4, from 7:30 to 10:30 am.**

We will bag food and hand out groceries at curbside. No heavy lifting is required.

The address is 121 East 2nd Street in Taylor. Park toward the train station just beyond 2nd and Porter Street. Enter through the double doors on Porter Street.

Please contact **Burt Burleson** or the office if you can help with this important mission.

Kirchenfest Sunday, October 26

Kirchenfest is a traditional St. Peter's celebration which honors and recognizes past Confirmation graduates. Join us Sunday, October 26, at 10:15am as we celebrate the history of our church. A catered meal will be served in place of our monthly potluck. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation.

We will be celebrating the following anniversaries:

25th anniversary of the Class of 2000
50th anniversary of the Class of 1975
75th anniversary of the Class of 1950

Also the Classes of 1940, 1942, 1944, and 1948



Getting Deeper

Writer, speaker, and teacher, Paula DeArcy, is fond of saying, **“God comes to you disguised as your life.”** I first heard her share that at the turn of the century and it stuck. I heard it and it grabbed me, my mind, my soul, and my way of thinking about the universe and God. That God had come to me disguised as my life, was immediately a truth, the Truth, for me.

The universe is personal... the cosmos is connected... the Eternal One is within us and at the same time, intimate with all creation. Creation is “more vast than vast” and yet there is this personal reality. Things happen that seem to be a part of a curriculum with your name on it. It’s not that I believe that God is behind everything that happens. That’s not Biblical nor is it a picture of God I can hold or worship. That said, all creation seems to be drawing each of us towards wholeness and redemption and meaning and purposeful... what Jesus called “abundant life.”

Things happen... sometimes they’re random and sometimes we are being guided and drawn to another scene of our life. But off-stage... there is a reality giving us “stage directions” and maybe there’s a flexible and very dynamic script being rewritten... all the time. All I know is that we are connected to a world that is personal. You are known and God’s going to show up disguised as your life. I hope you’ll be paying attention.

Burt



Sunday, October 5 is World Communion Sunday, a day that promotes Christian unity around the world by breaking bread together, and sharing the cup, which represents Christ’s body and His blood.

Join us on World Communion Sunday as we celebrate oneness in Jesus Christ throughout the world at Christ’s table.



Yoga classes in October

Yoga classes start in October at St. Peter’s on Tuesday’s in the Fellowship Hall. The class is taught by Julie Gregory, a certified yoga instructor and occupational therapy practitioner.

Chair Yoga is from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Gentle Yoga is from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. The cost is \$10 per class and everyone in the community invited.

Oktoberfest Dinner Saturday, October 18

You are invited to an authentic 3 course German meal celebrating Oktoberfest prepared by our very own Chef Peter Wabbel.

- Saturday October 18, at 6:00 pm at the Wittliff’s
- Cost is \$50 per person
- Seating is limited
- To attend, buy a ticket from Cynthia Wittliff or Peter Wabbel by October 12.

Council Report

September 8, 2025

Present: Michele Dupy, Prissy Rumel, Ruby Wabbel, Judy Downing, Bill Albert, Kay Hart and Rev. Burt Burleson.

Absent: Danny Smith and Kandice Samuelson

Reviewed items:

- July Church Financials – Jennifer Tatrow
- Edward Jones Report – Ted Wittliff
- Rev Burt's Pastoral Report (given personally)

Awareness Only:

- Men's Brotherhood Landscaping Plan – getting bids
- Cleaning out facilities/property – ongoing
- Senior Luncheon 9/16
- Potluck Luncheon 9/28
- Council Retreat 9/27
- Kirchenfest 10/26 – Chris Helm hired to cater
- Playground trash control – Prissy working on it
- Finance Team (Ted, William, Carolyn, Burt) working towards 2026 Budget
- Screen/Projector – Charles Stark researching

New Business Discussion

- Approval of Community Facility Usage Sheet DRAFT: after much discussion, postponed for re-write
- Approval of Community Outdoor Pavilion Sheet: **MOTION:** Discontinue use of Outdoor Agreement and add to Event Facility Usage Agreement – **unanimously approved**
- Approval for changes to Event Facility Usage Agreement DRAFT: after much discussion, postponed for rewrite
- Memorial Committee Organization and Memorial Funds - postponed to October
- September 20th Heart Of Texas Association Fall Meeting @Trinity Church in Austin - Burt slated to attend
- School use of Fellowship Hall in mid October – **MOTION: unanimously approved**

Children's Moment



Sunday, August 31



Sunday, September 7



Sunday, September 21

Senior Luncheon

The Community Senior Lunch held on September 16th was a great success with 55 people attending, and playing bingo and 42 dominoes after the meal. The Ladies' Circle served Johnnie Bazzihi Beef Casserole, Sweet Kale Salad, Rolls, and Pineapple Cake for dessert. Thank you to all who prepared the meal. We also want to thank the students from Coupland ISD for their help in serving the meal and cleanup.

Our next luncheon will be held on November 18th and will be our annual Thanksgiving meal.



Cindy Alexander and Prissy Rumel



Charlotte Albert and Hermania Vitek



Charlotte Albert, Jim Alexander, and Janet Doss



Johnnie Bazzihi Beef Casserole, salad, and roll.



Community Senior Lunch on September 16



Sunday Lunch Out August 31

The August 31 lunch after church was held at the home of Cynthia and Ted Wittliff. The menu included Golden Chick fried chicken and tenders, along with green beans, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, rolls and desserts.

Many thanks to Cynthia and Ted for hosting this event.



Men's Brotherhood



Men's Brotherhood met at Lucky Duck in September for food and fellowship.





We lift up prayers of healing and comfort for all members, friends, and family, who are sick, grieving, or facing challenges.

We remember: Jeanette Watson, Tally Meury, Robert Bland, Terry Finn, Betty Marosko, Denney Poldrack, the Burleson's Granddaughter, and Gene Henze. We remember as well all who are serving as caregivers to their loved ones.

As a community we hold in our hearts and pray for those who are impacted and grieving the tragedies in our nation and around the world: the floods and fires, the shootings, accidents, and escalation of war.

Lord, hear our prayers.

For pastoral care contact Pastor Burt at CouplandPastor@gmail.com or at 254-644-1957.



We need you! Volunteers are essential to the smooth operation of our worship service.

Pastor Burt will be calling people who have expressed interest in serving as **Liturgist**, **Projectionist** and **Usher** for worship services. Please remember to respond to messages so we will know if you are available to assist.

Don't worry if you have never done it before—training and written instructions are available.



Members in Care Facilities

Lois Schmidt: SPJST Skilled Nursing, 1810 Old Granger Rd, Room 101, Taylor, TX 76574

Betty Marosko: Pavilion at Great Hills, 11819 Pavilion Blvd., Austin, TX 78759

Robert Gebhardt: Autumn Leaves of Georgetown, 3600 Williams Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628

Calvin Ging: SPJST Assisted Living, 505 East Lake Drive, Room #110, Taylor, TX 76574

Denney Poldrack: Will-O-Bell Nursing Home, P.O. Box 107, Bartlett, TX 76511

Karen Rhoades: Heritage Lakes Assisted Living, Room #17, 19005 Pleasant Bay Drive, Pflugerville, TX 78660

October Birthdays

1st	Logan Fryer
3rd	Justin Krieg, Pam Blomquist, Patricia Dickey, Terry Finn, Bill Dupy
4th	Ashton Albert, Crystal Krieg, Steven Schmidt, Tonya Clemons
7th	Georgia Hanson
8th	Emily Garrison
9th	Astrid Muery
10th	Gunner Streit
12th	Vivian Eiben
13th	Crissy Johns
16th	Peter Wabbel
18th	Hailey Clemons
19th	Ashley Doss
21st	Bill Doss, Tiffany Samuelson
27th	Arthur Henze
31st	Robert Bland





Regular Giving Aug 31-Sept 28: \$11,478

Year-to-Date Regular Giving: \$98,320

Mission Offerings in September

Family Village Farm \$400

Other Income in September

Noisy Offering \$93 (August)

Building Rental \$100

Memorials \$250

Ladies' Circle \$899

Hill Country Flood Relief \$75

IN LOVING
Memory

In Memory of Betty Heinzke
(sister of Esther Smith)

Karla Larson

In Memory of Troy Watson

Weldon & Sue Johnston

The world
and its desires
pass away,
but whoever
does the
will of God
lives forever.
1 John 2:17 (NIV)



October Mission Project Shepherd's Heart

Founded in 1993 by a church in Taylor, Shepherd's Heart Ministries now partners with 20 churches in the area, including St. Peter's. Their mission is to show the love of God by providing food, clothing, and shelter assistance, offering hope and help to all.

Each week Shepherd's Heart distributes groceries to about 400 households. If there are just 10 items in each bag of food, 4,000 items need to be purchased or donated weekly.

They also provide a low cost source of clothing and household goods through their thrift store and have limited funds available for utility and rent assistance. How You Can Help

- **Help distribute food on Saturday, October 4 from 7:30 to 10:30 am.** We will bag food and hand out groceries at curbside. No heavy lifting.
- Bring food to the basket in the entry of the sanctuary. Suggested items are canned meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, and packaged foods like rice, beans, peanut butter, and mac and cheese.
- Donate money through our October Mission Offering.
- Shop the thrift store at 121 E 2nd Street in Taylor, open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm. Proceeds go to buy food.
- Donate clothing and household items to the thrift store during open hours.
- Volunteer to work in the thrift store.



Sunday Mornings

Adult Sunday School, 9 am
Worship Service and Children's Church, 10:15 am

Tuesday Mornings

Community Connections at 9:30 am

Saturday, October 4

Shepherd's Heart Food Distribution 7:30 am

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

Monday, October 6

Council Meeting at 5 pm

Wednesday, October 15

Coupland ISD Informational Session
6 pm Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 18

Oktoberfest Dinner 6 pm at the Wittliff's

Tuesday, October 21

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, October 26

Kirchenfest

Tuesday, October 28

Newsletter Distribution

2025 Confirmation Anniversaries

25 YEARS – Confirmed April 16, 2000

by Rev. Christine Tinker

Taryn Schroeder, Kerry Finn, Brittney Stifflemire Brown

50 YEARS – Confirmed March 23, 1975

by Rev. Jewel Johnson

Donna Kay Eiben Hall, Dewanna Slocum

75 YEARS – Confirmed April 2, 1950 by

Rev. Robert A. Mohr

Shirley Ann Anderson, Norma Clara Guenzel, Inez Marie Schiller, Edna Mae Meyer, Patricia Ann Remmert
Loretta Marie Czimsky, Joan Elaine Speckels, Vera Ann Gustafson

77 YEARS – Confirmed March 21, 1948 by

Rev. Robert A. Mohr

Geraldine Louise Thonig Steger (Casa Grande, AZ), Alvin Ray Kerlin (Round Rock), Frances Marie Marosko Burke (Houston & McDade) Evelyn Marie Oehrlein Haverland (SPJST, Taylor)

81 YEARS – Confirmed May 21, 1944 by

Rev. Robert A. Mohr

Louise Augusta Ulbrich, Lucille Olga Beyer, Gladys Winona Eiben Ashlock (Bryan, TX)

83 YEARS – Confirmed May 24, 1942 by

Rev. Robert A. Mohr

Calvin James Ging (only surviving member of a class of 25)

85 YEARS – Confirmed July 14, 1940 by

The Rev. Robert A. Mohr

(The Rev) Paul Arthur Mohr (only surviving member of a class of 7)

It is difficult to locate the status of female confirmands because they change names when they marry and move away. If you have any information on those marked unknown, please contact Charlotte Albert at 512-924-3335 or charlottealbert66@gmail.com or notify the church office.

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Calvin James Ging
Confirmed May 24, 1942



Rev. Paul Mohr

Sunday Worship Service

