



The Voice on the Hill

St. Peter's Church of Coupland

July, 2024

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Vice President
Danny Smith

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Carolyn Haverland

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Anita Holubec

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Janet Doss
Judy Downing

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Ted Wittliff

LICENSED MINISTER
Charlotte Albert

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David Cappolino

CHURCH SECRETARY
Barbara Coleman

Playground Updates

Equipment designed for younger kids has been added to St. Peter's playground. Our first Community Play Day is June 29th from 9 to 10 am.

Thank you to Prissy Rumel for ordering equipment and donating several items, and to Danny Smith and Dean Rumel for assembling the airplane teeter-totter.



Enjoying pickleball at the sports court in the pavilion.

President's Message

Summertime is definitely HERE ~

Vacations are happening, families are traveling, reunions are popping up...and the temperatures are climbing!

This is when it's easy to become distracted.

This is when it's easy to listen to those voices that talk us out of attending Church on a Sunday morning.

Friends, please consider ignoring ALL those things that pull you away from being in the Lord's House.

We benefit from the refuel, the refresh & the re-energizing of our hearts and minds which is so vital to our mental and physical health.

Come as often as you can.

Invite people to come with you.

Remember your financial givings.

And be thankful that we live in a Nation where we have the religious freedom to make these choices.

*~Michele Dupy
Church Council President*

Need a Ride to Church?

Some members are unable to drive but would like to participate in the life of our church.

If you need a ride or can volunteer to pick up someone in the Coupland, Elgin, or Taylor area, please contact Charlotte Albert at 512-924-3335 or email charlottealbert66@gmail.com.

July Worship Leaders



July 7, Communion
Guest Pastor: Steven Swope
Worship Coordinator: Prissy Rumel
Liturgist: Charlotte Albert



July 14
Guest Pastor: Scott Martin
Worship Coordinator: Anita Holubec
Liturgist: Cindy Wood



July 21, Communion
Guest Pastor: Britt Hicks
Worship Coordinator : Janet Doss
Liturgist: Charlotte Albert



July 28
Guest Pastor: Charles Stark
Worship Coordinator : Michele Dupy
Liturgist: Michele Dupy

Council Minutes

June 10, 2024

Present: Michele Dupy, Prissy Rumel, Danny Smith, Judy Downing, Anita Holubec, Janet Doss, Bill Albert, Charlotte Albert, Carolyn Haverland and Church Treasurer Ted Wittliff.

Ted presented financial reports (offerings and assets) for discussion.

William Dupy, Ted Wittliff and Carolyn Haverland were asked to research the best way to move monies out of checking and savings into interest/dividend bearing accounts, then make recommendations to Council.

Charlotte reported on pastoral care given to members and friends of the church.

Worship Coordinator duties and July schedule were discussed.

Work continues in reviewing the multiple lists of members and creating a master list.

A QR code was created to link directly to the St. Peter's email list sign-up page.

Visitor information cards are being designed and printed.

We will order multi-purpose offering envelopes to place in the foyer and in the pews. A motion was passed to order 2,500 envelopes for \$276 plus a one time \$45 set up fee.

Our church profile on the UCC pastor search website is being updated.

Michele will contact Interim Pastor candidates who have sent in a profile.

Carolyn will look into getting some type of bulletin board in the fellowship hall entry way.

Special Offerings were selected:

- July – Down Home Ranch
- August – Church World Services

Last Sunday of the month events were scheduled:

- June 30 will be Potluck Lunch at the church
- July 28 will be Sunday Lunch Out, restaurant to be determined

Ted will look into getting a church credit card to make purchasing certain items easier and allow better follow up financially.

Council Retreat Report

On the first Saturday of June, St. Peter's leadership team gathered together for a much needed day of **reflection and rejuvenation** led by our facilitator, Rev. Arlene Turner.

Without the benefit of a settled Pastor, our future success lies in the Council Members understanding and implementing various paths forward to grow our Faith Community. **This is where YOU come in!**

The most immediate goal is **Connection** (phone calls and in person) with all members: answering questions, confirming contact information and inviting them to join in the success of St. Peter's Church.

Your Church Council is working to schedule social events (both on and off property) giving safe space to people for discussion, for fellowship and for a starting point for the **Ripple Effect**—the rings of which will reach out to Everyone and rebound in Love to further God's Kingdom here on Earth. **COME WITH US!**

~ Michele Dupy
Church Council President

Get Your Newsletter Fast and in Full Color!

St. Peter's monthly newsletter is now being sent by email and postal mail.

When you sign up for our Email List you'll get your newsletter earlier and in full color! And the new design is easier to read on your computer, tablet or phone.

Plus you'll stay in the know with the latest news through our Thursday Email Updates.

If you aren't already getting emails from St. Peter's, use the QR Code below or go to www.StPetersCoupland.org and click the "Email List" button at the top.



Just point your phone camera at the code and click on the yellow link that appears.

Senior Luncheon July 16

Don't miss the community Senior Luncheon at 11:30 am on Tuesday, July 16, hosted by St. Peter's Ladies Group.

We will serve a picnic-style lunch with chicken salad sandwiches and root beer floats. Bring a bingo prize worth \$10 if you are able. There will also be games of 42 if we have enough players.

As always, we need volunteers to help serve lunch and clean up. This is a great opportunity to serve others in our community!



Thank you to everyone who shares their time and talents with St. Peter's Church!

Special thanks this month to our hard-working Council members who have spent many hours in meetings and even more time researching, planning and working for the future of our church.

Our appreciation also goes to:

- ◆ Charlotte Albert for providing pastoral care to our members and community and assisting in Worship services.
- ◆ Michele and William Dupy for hosting the Council Retreat at their home.
- ◆ Ted Wittliff for taking on the job of Church Treasurer.
- ◆ Prissy Rumel for many hours in sorting out our various membership and mailing lists.
- ◆ Church secretary Barbara Coleman for her extra effort in this time between pastors.

Photos Needed

We need photos to share on our Facebook page and in the newsletter! Please remember to take pictures at church events and send them to the office at StPetersCoupland@gmail.com. Thank you!

Don't Miss Sunday Lunch!

Join us the last Sunday of each month for food and fellowship.

Whether it's a potluck meal, picnic, or outing to a local restaurant, Sunday Lunch gives us a chance to visit, catch up on our lives, and get to know each other better while enjoying a meal.

Don't miss Sunday Lunch Out following Worship Service on July 28. We will meet at Southside Market and Barbeque, 1212 Hwy. 290 in Elgin.

Pictured below is the St. Peter's group enjoying lunch at the Lucky Duck Café in June. We were having such a good time that folks at other tables were staring!



Member Outreach

Over the next few weeks, Council members are calling everyone on our membership and mailing lists to touch base personally, share about current events in the church, update contact information, and answer questions.

We appreciate everyone's participation in this important mission as we update our records and learn more about the needs of our members.

St. Peter's Newsletter & Website Get a Facelift

This issue of *The Voice on the Hill* features a brand new layout, designed for easier reading on paper and on screen.

We're planning to publish more pictures and art-work in color—remember to take photos at church events and send them to the office!

We're also making ongoing improvements to our website at www.StPetersCoupland.org.

In addition to being a resource for members, the website is critical for sharing St. Peter's with the outside world.

Recent changes include a streamlined menu, a new Photos page to share pictures of recent events, and an About page with links to information about St. Peter's.

The site is now easier to read on mobile devices and the Email List sign up button is easier to access.

Look for more website updates soon.

We would love to know what you think. How can we make the newsletter and the website more useful to you?

Please email your comments and suggestions to StPetersCoupland@gmail.com or speak to Dana Smith.



Coffee Lovers Rejoice!

Check out the Keurig coffee machine which was donated to the church! This is perfect for small group meetings or those who want a little something different in their cup.

A sampling of pods for coffee, tea and hot chocolate are next to the machine in the kitchen. If you use this coffee maker, please consider donating some pods.

And join the crew in the conference room each Tuesday at 9:30 am for coffee and conversation. It's a great way to stay up to date on what's happening in the Coupland area. Bring a friend — everyone in the community is welcome!



We lift up prayers of healing and comfort for those who are sick or facing challenges.

If you have pastoral concerns or prayer requests, please contact Charlotte Albert at 512-924-3335 or email her at charlottealbert66@gmail.com.

Thinking of You

Members in Care Facilities

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

Calvin Ging: S.P.J.S.T. Assisted Living, 505 East Lake Drive, Room #110, Taylor, TX 76574

Ann Johle: Sagebrook Nursing Center, 901 Discovery Blvd. Cedar Park, TX 76511

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

Karen Rhoades: Heritage Lakes Assisted Living, Room #9, 19005 Pleasant Bay Drive, Pflugerville, TX 78660

July Birthdays

1st	Charlotte Albert, Troy Watson
2nd	Allysa Marak, Kaydence Epperson
3rd	Dana Smith
4th	Keitha Niemtschk
10th	Michael Goetz, Zachary Krieg
11th	Virginia Callanan
12th	Robert Gebhardt
13th	Craig Matetzschk, Darien Clemons
14th	Harper Doss
16th	Bradley Haag
18th	Tessa Strider, Elizabeth Finn
19th	Blake Haverland, Delaney Webb
21st	Cindy Wood, Daniela Wabbel
27th	Matthew Kreidel
28th	Casin Finn

Slumber Falls Scholarships

St. Peter's will pay half the registration fee for the children and grandchildren of members attending Slumber Falls camp. See SlumberFalls.org for camp information and contact Prissy Rumel for scholarship details.

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
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GENEROUSLY

Regular Giving through June 23rd \$8,620

Year to Date Regular Giving \$61,762

June Special Offerings:

- ◆ Friends of Williamson County Child Welfare Board \$75
- ◆ Memorial Fund \$455

IN LOVING
Memory

Memorials for Irene Florida

Buz and Susan Garry
Calvin Ging

Memorials for Melvin Poldrack

Kandice Samuelson
Calvin Ging

Memorials for Gail Ferguson

(Charles Stark sister)
Calvin Ging

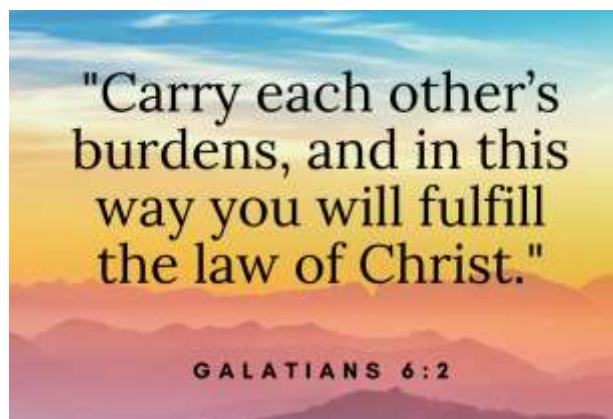


Our special offering in July is for Down Home Ranch, located near Elgin. This working farm and ranch was founded in 1989 by parents of a girl born with Down syndrome.

Today the ranch provides on-site housing, day programs, vocational training, and employment to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The beautiful Christmas poinsettias at St. Peter's come from the ranch greenhouse, which provides both job training and income.

You can make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities! Support this world-class organization right in our back yard. Learn more at DownHomeRanch.org.

Monthly Reflection



God calls us to bear one another's burdens, to support and help each other through challenging times. By doing so, we fulfill the law of Christ, which is to love one another as He has loved us.

Encouragement can take the form of lending a listening ear, offering practical assistance, or praying for one another.

By actively participating in one another's lives and sharing in their joys and sorrows, we create an atmosphere of love and kindness that reflects Christ's love to the world.

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July Events

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:00 am

Worship Service

Sundays at 10:15 am

Council Meeting

Monday, July 8, at 6:30 pm

Senior Luncheon

Tuesday, July 16, at 11:30 am

Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, July 25

Sunday Lunch Out

Sunday, July 28, after church
Southside Market, 1212 Hwy 290 in Elgin

Coffee Connections

Each Tuesday at 9:30 am

Connections

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