

THE VOICE ON THE HILL

Issue 7 Volume 10

July 2022

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.

Inside This Issue:

Stark Reality	2
Onward & Upward	3
Offertory Report	4
News & Such	5
Council Meeting	6
Church Calendar	7



Congratulations to our Confirmands



Haydon Shuttles and Avery Ochoa Confirmed June 5, 2022

2 Corinthians 3:17 NRSV
Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Happy Independence Day!



Cayli Johns
Confirmed June 19, 2022

**STARK REALITY****July 2022**

This month is an exciting one which begins with parades and fireworks as we celebrate our nation's birth on the 4th of July. As I think about our nation, I cannot remember a time when we have been so divided as a culture. Our fights extend from the family dinner table to our local, state and national governments. Our country was founded on the premise of individual freedom and the idea that diversity makes us stronger.

Unfortunately, today we have taken up sides and we strive to make anyone who is different from us an out-cast in society. The church has not been immune to this divisiveness. Anywhere there are church fights, we find a community of faith that is rejecting the gospel. The apostle Paul had to deal with this same issue in the church at Corinth. The folks who were speaking in tongues or exhibiting other gifts of the Spirit were considered to be the faithful. Those who were not were considered outsiders. Paul writes in I Corinthians 12 these words: *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.*

A number of years ago I read an article in a church newsletter from Connecticut that had some real wisdom for the church in an age of division.

HOW TO PLANT A CHRISTIAN GARDEN:

Plant three rows of squash: Squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.

Plant three rows of peas: Purity, Patience, Perseverance

Plant six rows of lettuce: Let us be unselfish; Let us be faithful to duty; Let us search the Scriptures; Let us not be weary in well-doing; Let us be obedient in all things; Let us love one another.

Plant three rows of turnips: Turn up for Church and its many ministries; Turn up with a smile to share; Turn up with determination to do your best for God's cause.

Friends, may St. Peter's Church garden grow abundantly and may the fruit we harvest be bountiful!

Shalom,

Charles

Rev. Charles Stark

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

To the members of St. Peter's Church,

Recently, there have been more COVID positive cases in the church. This is very concerning to me. As much as I enjoy chatting with members who stop by the office, I am asking that you no longer come into my office unless you need my assistance with something. If you need to drop something off, use the fax or copy machine, I am requesting that you wear a mask before entering and I'll do the same. I will make sure there is a box of disposable masks on the stand just outside my office.

Yes, I have been vaccinated and double boosted, but as you know being vaccinated doesn't mean you won't get Covid.

I enjoy the work that I do for the church, and I pray that my decision to limit contact will not be an issue for anyone.

Thank you for understanding.

Barbara Coleman



Senior Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be a picnic Senior Luncheon on July 19, at 11:30 am. "42" Dominoes & Bingo will be played. If you play Bingo, it is encouraged you bring a prize under \$10. So come join us for a Fun Day.

Sandra Wernli & Lois Schmidt
Co-Chairs



Diners

Thursday July 21 we will meet for Diners, at The Coupland Inn, at 6:30pm. Zac and Cindy Wood are coordinators. After dinner, we will collect an offering for the Taylor Food Pantry.



Potluck Sunday

Sunday July 24 is potluck Sunday. Join us after worship for food and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share!



Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry

On Saturday, July 30th volunteers are needed to help distribute food to those in need at the Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry in Taylor. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Noisy Offering Sunday

Sunday July 31 is Noisy Offering Sunday. In addition to our regular offering, we ask that you bring all your spare change and drop it into the collection plate.

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

July Birthdays

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





May 2022 Income

Total Regular Giving for May \$13,976

Budgeted Amount for May \$14,473.75

Total Regular Giving January thru May \$57,660.76

Budgeted Amount January thru May \$63,684.50

Regular Offering Only

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

July 2022 Offerings:

Sunday July 3 - Board of Christian Ed

Sunday July 10 - Regular Offering

Sunday July 17 - Cemetery Fund

Sunday July 24 - OCWM

Sunday July 31 - Regular Offering

**** July 31 is Noisy Offering Sunday****

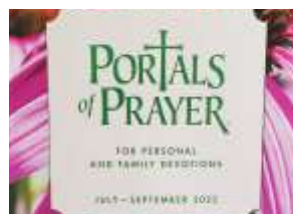
July Worship Schedule

July 3 Liturgist: Cindy Wood Ushers: Zac Wood	July 10 Liturgist Becky Sutton Ushers: Anita Holubec
July 17 Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: OPEN	July 24 Liturgist: Laurie Morris Ushers: Roy Morris
July 31 Liturgist: Michele Dupy Ushers: Bill Dupy	



Church Council

Council did not meet in June due to a lack of significant agenda items. The next Council meeting will be Sunday July 17 at 11:30am



Portals of Prayer

If you would like the latest copy of the Portals of Prayer Devotion (July thru September) you may pick one up in the back of the church.



HEART OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Slumber Falls Camp 2022 July Camp Schedule & Prices

Camp	Dates	Completed Grade
Streams of Faith 1 (Elementary)	July 3 - 9	3-5
Geek Week	July 3 - 9	8 - 10
Jr. High: Living Waters	July 10 - 16	6 - 8
Eco Camp	July 10 - 16	3 - 6
Streams of Faith 2 (Elementary)	July 17 - 23	3 - 5

Summer Camp 2022 Prices	Deposit	Price
Full Week - overnight	\$50	\$550
Day Camp	\$50	\$300

Day Camp	Dates	Completed Grade
Geek Week Day Camp	July 4 - 8	6 - 9
Eco Day Camp	July 11 - 15	3 - 6

Day Camps are designed to allow children and youth to attend a specialty camp for the day. Day campers arrive by 9am and are picked up at 5:15pm. Day campers participate with the overnight campers for the day. Lunch, programming costs, afternoon snacks, and supplies are all included. The dates and age ranges are the same as for the overnight camps.

For more information contact the camp office

**3610 River Road
New Braunfels, Texas 78132
830-625-2212 (office)
<https://slumberfalls.org>**

The Heart of Texas Annual Meeting Planning Committee has made the decision to collect hygiene kits for Back Bay Mission this year at the Conference Annual Meeting, but we didn't want to lose our tradition of the Conference collecting School Kits for Church World Services (CWS).

We know how much this mission means to so many of our members. So, the Heart of Texas Association would like to challenge North Texas, Houston, and New Orleans Association in a "School Kit Challenge" and see who can put together the most school kits by our Fall Association Meetings.



More information about CW School Kits can be found their website:

<https://cwskits.org/>

If assembling "one kit" = kit + \$2

If collecting money, "one kit" = \$17

Rev. Nikki Stahl

Heart of Texas Association Minister

Recent Memorials

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

For: Emily Garrison's Dad William "Bill" Porcynaluk

By: Anita Holubec (N)

Don & Sandra Wernli (N)

For: Fred Dupy

By: Don & Sandra Wernli (N)

William & Charlotte Albert (N)



Other Church News

Church Leveling

Pro Level Foundation Solutions started leveling the Fellowship Hall and Church on Monday May 30 and finished on Thursday June 9. Thank You to Danny Smith for coordinating.



Basketball Goal Donated

Thanks to Trystan Morgan (Charles Stark's 7yr old grandson) for donating his basketball goal to the church.

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July Bread Baker Carolyn Haverland July Event Coordinator Carolyn Haverland					1	2
3 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	4 4th of July Holiday Office Closed	5 Coffee Connections 9:30am	6	7	8	9
10 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship	11	12 Coffee Connections 9:30am	13	14	15	16
17 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion Church Council	18	19 Coffee Connections 9:30am Senior Lunch 11:30am	20	21 Diners 6:30pm Newsletter Deadline	22	23
24 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship Potluck Luncheon	25	26 Coffee Connections 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	27	28	29	30 Shepherd Heart Food Pantry Distribution 7:30am
31 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship Noisy Offering						

THE VOICE ON THE HILL

ST PETER'S CHURCH OF COUPLAND
PO Box 146, Coupland, TX 78615

NON PROFIT
US POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #2
COUPLAND, TEXAS 78615

Return Service Requested

Come and Worship with Us

St. Peter's Church of Coupland, UCC

108 Wathen St.
P.O. Box 146
Coupland, TX 78615

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 12 noon

July 2022

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

Interim Pianist- Van Herd

Secretary - Barbara Coleman

Church's phone: 512-856-2433

Church Email: stpeterscoupland@gmail.com

Church Website: stpeterscoupland.org

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