

# 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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# Happy New Year! 2022

## Photos from our Christmas Program Sunday December 19



### Hebrews 10:23 NRSV

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.



Saturday December 11 - Christmas at the Wittliffs





**STARK REALITY - January 2022**

As we enter into the season of Advent (the four Sundays preceding Christmas), I want to encourage us to take As we enter a new year, it is a time to reflect on the year just passed and contemplate the new year ahead. There is no doubt that much of our reflection on 2021 will center on the continuing presence of the Covid 19 virus circulating in our community and the new variants which continue to present us with challenges. We can feel good about the vaccines and the protection they provided to us last spring. Another big change that St. Peter's Church experienced was the transition of saying goodbye to your pastor Martin Garrison. That led to another major transition as I began as your Interim Pastor on July 1. This past fall I saw the Pastoral Search Committee hard at work to produce a local church profile which will be circulated by the national church as we look for the next person who will be called to lead this congregation into the future.

As we begin to contemplate another "NEW YEAR," I am struck by thoughts of wondering what 2022 will bring for our life together as St. Peter's Church of Coupland. Will it truly be year of NEW things or will it simply be more of the same. I am reminded that we worship a God who tells us in Revelation 21:5 "See, I am making all things new." I think as people of faith we are each challenged to be about the business of "making things new." Christianity proclaims over and over again the transformation of faith that creates new lives and new ways of looking at the world. As the apostle Paul would say it, "I am a new creature in Christ!" 2022 offers each of us an opportunity to be about God's business of making things new.

Personally, I really want to see the changes that God has in store for us in the year ahead. There is something exciting in the hint of newness to come. There will be new council members with new ideas, there will be new programs to experience, new members to join, new avenues of ministry for our congregation to pursue, and a whole new future for St. Peter's Church to live into in the years ahead as you call a new settled pastor to be your leader.

I am looking forward to 2022 with great expectation! I hope you are as well. May God bless us richly in the year to come.

With expectations of Peace and Joy

*Charles*



**Caroling on Horses**

Carolers in Coupland to share the joy of Christmas on Sunday afternoon December 12





## Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry

St. Peter's Church has been asked to assist with the distribution of food Saturday, January 8, 2022. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated



## Women's LIFT Group

LIFT will meet on Wednesday January 12 at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 103 N. Main Street in Elgin at 6pm.



## Senior Luncheon

Our next Senior Luncheon will be on January 18, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. If you're playing Bingo, bring a prize under \$10.00. "42" Dominoes will be played so come and enjoy your day. Happy New Year to everyone!!

Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli Co-Chairmen



## Potluck Sunday

Heart of Texas Association Minister Nikki Stahl will join us January 23 for morning worship. After service, we will enjoy a delicious potluck lunch. Bring your favorite dish to share!

## Retreat Council Retreat

Council will have their annual retreat on Saturday January 29 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall



## Noisy Offering Sunday

January 30 is Noisy Offering Sunday. Bring your loose change and drop it in the offering 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

### January Birthdays

2nd	Christine Stewart
3rd	Darren Streit, Elizabeth Wittliff
4th	Dean Rumel, Jacob Reyes
5th	Ann Johle
7th	T.J. Wittliff, III
8th	Dennis Kreig
15th	Don Wernli, Mary Pfluger, Ted Schneider
16th	Becky Sutton, Scott Ging
17th	Danny Smith
19th	Cynthia Wittliff
20th	Lucy Pfluger
21st	Torsten Wabbel
22nd	Wanda Walther, Bonnie Stark
24th	Georgia Goetz
25th	Terry Poldrack
27th	Alyson Wittliff
28th	Bill Albert, Kellie Marak, Jackson Webb
31st	Amanda Kreig





**Giving for November 28**

**Regular Offering: \$2,409**

**Special/Designated Offerings:**

Shepherd's Heart \$72

Memorials \$275

**Church Attendance: Adults: 49 Kids: 5**

**Giving for December 5**

**Regular Offering \$8,008**

**Special/Designated Offerings:**

Christian Education \$12

Shepherd's Heart - Special \$200

Music for Helen Polzin Funeral \$90

New Horizon \$500

Adopt-A-Child \$360

Coupland Herald Ad \$350

Cemetery Fund - Memorials \$200

**Church Attendance: Adults: 38 Kids: 0**

**Giving for December 12**

**Regular Offering: \$4,028**

**Special/Designated Offerings:**

Christian Education \$20

Maintenance Fund \$40

OCWM \$50

New Horizon \$500

Adopt-A-Child \$92

Memorials \$175

**Church Attendance: Adults: 49 Kids: 0**

**Giving for December 19**

**Regular Offering: \$2,185**

**Special/Designated Offerings:**

Cemetery Operating Fund \$40

Evangelism & Member Care \$40

**Church Attendance: Adults: 54 Kids: 10**

**Offertory information for December 26 will be available in next months newsletter.**



## Committee Report Deadline

All Committee reports from committee chairs are due Monday January 3. We want to make packets available for people to read before the **annual meeting Sunday January 9.**



## Annual Congregation Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2022 right after our worship service. The packet (agenda, minutes, committee reports, and budget) will be available for pick up at the meeting. Packets should be available early in the week on our website.

All members are encouraged to attend as we will vote on new Council members and other leaders and approve the 2022 budget.

### January Worship Schedule

<b>January 2</b> Liturgist Cindy Wood Ushers Linda Miller	<b>January 9</b> Liturgist Carolyn Haverland Ushers Danny & Dana Smith	<b>January 16</b> Liturgist Charlotte Albert Ushers Roy Morris
<b>January 23</b> Liturgist Becky Sutton Ushers Don & Sandra Wernli	<b>January 30</b> Liturgist Michele Dupy Ushers Bill Dupy	

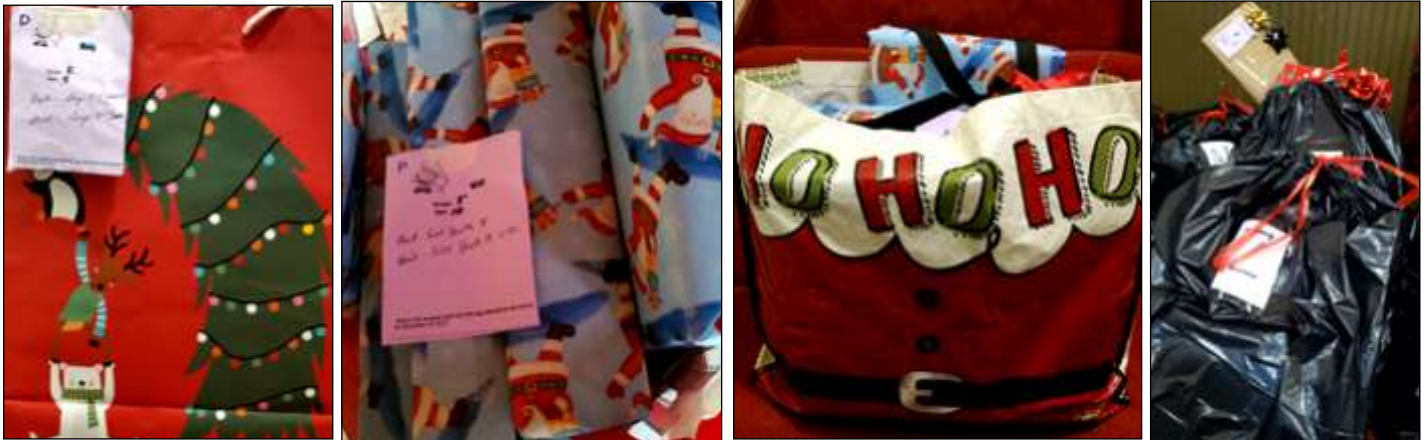


## Angel Tree Project

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Angel Tree Project a great success. There were a lot more tags this year and there was concern if all the tags would be taken due to drive-in services and limited activities at the church, but St. Peter's always come through! You are all amazing and appreciated!

It is truly a blessing for us to help some children in our community have a bright and Merry Christmas! We had a total of 31 "angels" this year!

Happy New Year!  
Doreen Streit



You Made a Difference...

If you're ever unsure of what a difference you make, let me share a little conversation I had with one of my students you so graciously blessed. His back story is that his father had an accident, very recently, that landed him in the hospital for a little over a week with multiple surgeries. Luckily our amazing office staff was able to add this family to your list as this was a last minute, unexpected hardship for them. Today he came into my classroom BEAMING! Ms. Mazyrack! Ms. Mazyrack! Santa came to my house! We heard the doorbell ring and when we went to the door there were presents for me and my sister! We think it was Santa!

The Joy! The Excitement! The pure glow of a child who truly believes in a Christmas Miracle! Santa came to his house early and brought them gifts. You are a true blessing to this family and many more. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for bringing Christmas Joy to this child and family.

Thank you,  
Becky Mazyrack  
First Grade Teacher  
Coupland ISD

### Recent Memorials

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

**For:** Helen Polzin  
**By:** Jim & Cindy Alexander (N)  
Robert & Doreen Streit (N)  
C.J. Ging (N)  
Ted & Cynthia Wittliff (N)  
Irene Florida (N)  
Kandice Samuelson (N)  
John W. & Jan Hagan (N)

**For:** Elton & Alvera Zulauf  
**By:** Irene Florida (N)

**For:** Bob Rhoades  
**By:** Irene Florida (N)

**For:** Alfred & Hallie Streit  
**By:** Jeanne Taylor (N)



**Council Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 2021**

Members Present: Judy Downing, Carolyn Haverland, Sharon Kreidel, Roy Morris, S.R. Moss, Barbara Piper  
Bonnie Sladek, Ted Wittliff, Charles Stark, Sandra Wernli  
Absent: Janet Doss

Approval was received for the minutes of last month.

**Financial reports** were presented by Stacy Stork. These were reviewed by the council. Several business accounts for St Peter's need to be updated with correct contact information. Sam's Club – Change to Carolyn Haverland as owner; St. Peters Church - Barbara Coleman and Sandra Wernli as a guest. Post Office Box – St. Peter's Church – Barbara Coleman. Frontier Communication – St. Peter's Church – Barbara Coleman. Using email address on all accounts of stpeterscoupland@gmail.com

**Committee Reports:**

Sprinkler system completed. Mulch almost complete – need additional around parsonage.

**Pastor's Report**

Pastor Charles presented his report from November. A busy month of confirmation classes, visitations, funeral service, HBO activities, Totenfest, Thanksgiving food drive, and Hanging of the Greens. A request was made for vacation for 2022. The council approved three weeks.

**Old Business**

Pianist search is still in the works with no candidates at this time. The job description has been updated and will be extended to other areas. Please let the Pastor or someone on the council know if you are interested or know of anyone interested.

**New Business**

A request to reserve the Fellowship Hall for all 2022 election day voting dates was approved.

A request was made for the renewal of License for Charlotte Albert and was approved by council.

The Congregational Profile was approved by the council.

2022 Budget was presented and approved to present to the church as is during the Annual meeting to be held January 9, 2022.

Nominating committee report was presented and there will be a ballot during the annual meeting to be held January 9, 2022.

The council members that will be leaving the board are Judy Downing, Barbara Piper and Ted Wittliff. Thank you for all your service, knowledge and dedication to this committee and we look forward to working with you on other committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kreidel  
Secretary

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>January Bread Baker</b> Sandra Wernli  <b>January Event Coordinator</b> Sharon Kreidel						<i>1</i>  <b>New Year's Day</b>
<i>2</i> 10:15am Worship/ Communion	<i>3</i>  <b>Committee Reports due</b>	<i>4</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am  Confirmation 5-6pm	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>  <b>Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry Distribution</b> 7:30am
<i>9</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/  <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am  <b>Senior Lunch</b> 11:30am  Confirmation 5-6pm	<i>12</i>  <b>LIFT 6pm at Luigi's Elgin</b>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> 10:15am Worship/ Communion  <b>Church Council</b>	<i>17</i>  <b>MLK Day Office Closed</b>	<i>18</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am  Confirmation 5-6pm	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>  Newsletter Deadline  <b>Diners 6:30pm</b>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> 10:15am Worship  <b>Nikki Stahl visits during worship</b>  <b>Potluck</b>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am  Confirmation 5-6pm  Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>  <b>Council Retreat</b> 9am <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<i>30</i> 10:15am Worship  <b>Noisy Offering Sunday</b>	<i>31</i>					

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### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 12 noon

**January 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 Ministers -*

*Charlotte Albert, John Boydston,*

*Interim Pianist- Van Herd*

*Secretary - Barbara Coleman*

*Church's phone: 512-856-2433*

*Church Email: stpeterscoupland@gmail.com*

*Church Website: www.couplandchurch.org*

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