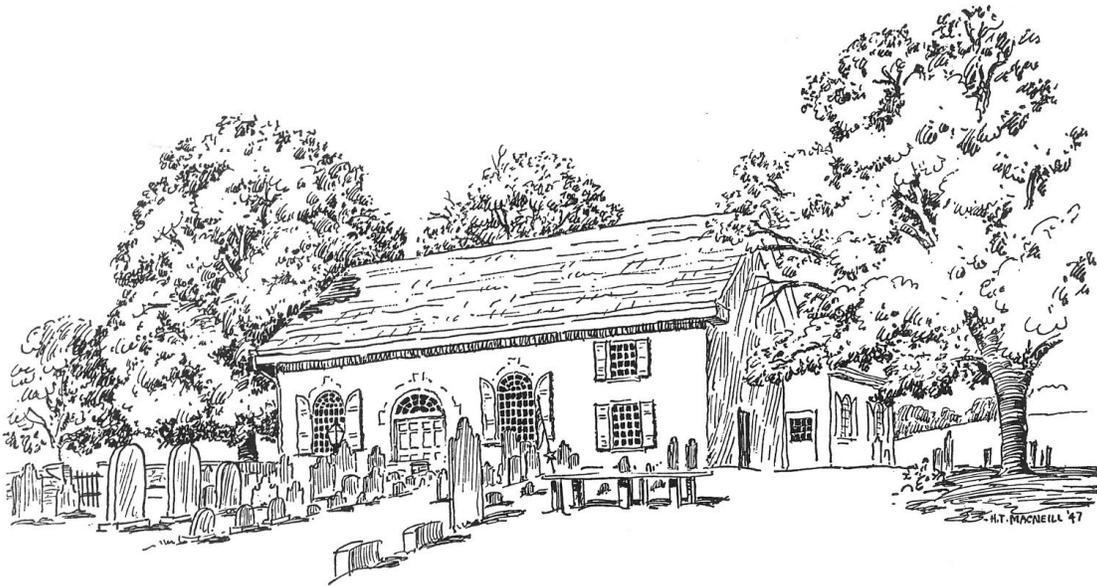


ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUTDOOR EUCHARIST — RITE ONE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 — 8:00 AM

Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us today. Corporate worship is important to us and we want to do whatever we can to maintain our sense of community in a safe and responsible way.
*In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**.*



THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

- 8:00 a.m. Outdoor Eucharist – Rite I (please sign up)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Rite Two – Via Facebook Live
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Sunday School Kick Off – Parish House
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Via Zoom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

- 9:30 a.m. Abigail's Atwater Walk
- 6:00 p.m. Popcorn Theology – Via Zoom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 7:15 p.m. Vestry Meeting – Via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 6:00 p.m. Conversation Hour, discussion of formation plans – Via Zoom

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group – Via Zoom

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

- 8:00 a.m. Gathering of Men – Via Zoom

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

- 8:00 a.m. Outdoor Eucharist – Rite I (please sign up)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Rite Two – Via Facebook Live
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Kite Flying Activity until 2:00 p.m. – Holy Hill
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Via Zoom

* all services Via Facebook live can also be viewed on our website stpetersgv.org

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desire known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, for as much as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your

slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:(1–7), 8–13

Benedic, anima mea

- 1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Presider The Gospel of our Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Reflections on the Readings

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Vincent Lauby, Jacob Jarden, Dorothy Guenther, Benkt Wennberg, and Dorothy Wennberg, for whom our altar memorials are given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Peter and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;**

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Please remain at your place and exchange the Peace with a wave and greeting from where you are. Thank you!

Welcome and Announcements



THE HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek a closer relationship with God, including children, are invited and encouraged to participate in Holy Communion.

Please let the clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

In order to keep everyone safe, only the bread will be distributed.

Please remain at your place, the Presider will bring the host to each person. Please use hand sanitizer before and after receiving.

Please remove your mask to consume the host after the Presider has moved on to the next person.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a no touch blessing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here, a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Then the Presider continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves,

our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

As a reminder, please remain at your place, the Presider will come to you with communion.

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Eileen Klein

Vestry Warden: David Graves

Class of 2021

Don Cheetham

Doug Jones

Eileen Klein

Charlotte Tellefsen

Class of 2022

David Graves

Linda Holden

Cathy Terlescki

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

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ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF TODAY Even though Sunday School will be virtual this fall, we still want to kick it off with a flourish! So, all families are invited to come to the parish house today between 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. to pick up a treat bag and visit with the Sunday School teachers, Holly Hardester and Chris (at a safe distance and masked, of course). This is a great way to see each other and help us stay connected with one another. There's no need to RSVP - just come on over whenever you can between noon and two that afternoon.

POPCORN THEOLOGY will meet on Monday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. for a discussion of the movie *Billy Elliott* (2000) and then again on Monday, September 28 as we discuss *Waking Ned Devine* (1998). Both are available on Amazon Prime as well as other online platforms. If you have any questions about how to access the movie or wish to participate, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261 so that I can be sure that you have the information you need and/or the Zoom link. Thank you!

KITE FLYING ACTIVITY Come Fly a Kite on the Holy Hill. Bring your favorite kite to St. Peter's between 12 and 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, September 20, and enjoy an afternoon of kite-flying and fellowship on our beautiful campus. Space is currently limited to 25 people at a time, so, let Chris know at Chris@stpetersgv.org that you and your family are coming and at what time.

PUB THEOLOGY Starting September 21, we will gather virtually at 6 p.m. for conversation about a variety of theological topics on the first and third Mondays this fall. Our topics and conversation will follow the natural curiosity of the participants and will also be influenced by the focus of the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Our first discussion will center on this verse from Philippians 2:13, "Work out your own salvation." What does that mean? How do we do that? What if I can't? If you wish to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261 and he will send you the Zoom information. When our Covid days are behind us, we hope to be able to meet at a variety of local establishments and share both conversation and food in person!

COMPLINE FOR THE AUTUMNAL SOLSTICE at the labyrinth on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a contemplative end of day prayer service with music provided by a local musician as we mark the change of seasons. You may sign up by following the link in keynotes or calling the parish office at 610-644-2261 or emailing Abigail@stpetersgv.org.

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Bring your furry, fuzzy, scaly, or stuffed friends for our annual service of Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the historic church. All are welcome for this naturally covid-friendly offering. Masks will be required and we will ensure that appropriate distance is kept among households. Please sign up by following the link in keynotes or by calling the parish office at 610-644-2261 or emailing Abigail@stpetersgv.org.

PANDEMIC RELATED UPDATES At the end of August Bishop Gutierrez moved the diocese to Phase 3. This expands our limits on indoor and outdoor worship and generally puts us closer to where the rest of the state is in terms of guidelines. Over 200 people responded to our survey about returning to indoor worship and results show that 40% are ready to do so and 60% are not. Also, the Chester County Health Department issued a recommendation that schools begin and continue online until October 9. Parishioner feedback and scientific facts lead us to continue with outdoor and online worship for now. We are preparing for indoor worship and will move indoors when circumstances allow. Until then we will offer meaningful worship, outreach, fellowship, formation, and pastoral care in ways that are safe right now. Also, we will continue to assess the situation and maintain good communication.

PARISH HOUSE PROCEDURES In order to keep everyone safe, our clergy and staff continue to work from home as much as possible. Typically there is someone in the parish office on weekday mornings. Please call in advance to confirm. The number is 610-644-2261. Please note that masks are required inside the parish house and we request that you not enter individual offices. We love visiting with you, but please help us to keep you healthy by visiting from the hallway. Thank you!

YOU ARE INVITED FOR OUTDOOR EUCHARIST Please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m, weather permitting. In each case sign ups, masks, and distancing will be required, for now, and details will be sent to those who register. Sign up information is available in Keynotes. If you wish to attend this afternoon, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org.

ST. PETER'S HONEY IS SOLD OUT Thank you for all who bought this year's golden St. Peter's honey. We appreciate your support as all proceeds go to the care of our hives. We hope you are enjoying this year's crop.

FALL FEST THANK YOU Thank you to everyone who participated in our first Zoom Fall Fest. It was a lively and wonderful time to gather virtually during these uncertain times.

ST. PETER'S MASKS We have complementary, white masks available with a small St. Peter's logo on the side available for parishioners. If you would like one, please email Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange for pick up.

FOOD MINISTRY The Food Drive will continue for the foreseeable future, although the receiving agencies may vary. The Outreach Commission will move specific support to Alianzas in Phoenixville in September. Please continue to put your non perishable food contributions in the bins on the porch of the parish house. Alianzas will welcome staple basics of rice, beans, tortillas, pasta sauce. For questions or to volunteer to deliver, please contact Eileen Klein. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information. Thank you for your continuing support.

FRESH PRODUCE UPDATE Please place any fresh produce that does not require refrigeration (squash, apples, potatoes, tomatoes) in the laundry baskets, ONLY on Wednesday for the Thursday delivery. *Thank you to all who left us small containers which previously held fruits and veggies to help us safely transport these items. At this time we have plenty.* Please do not leave fresh items at other times to prevent wild animals from being attracted to the porch.

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL VIRTUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Back-to-School supplies are needed for the students who will be attending in person at the St. James School. Each student has a personal desk kit and can not bring items from home. The collection will be taking place virtually through their wish-list link. This list is updated on an on-going basis and does include a range of items. As always, they are in need of the following but other options are on their wish list too. If you would prefer the Outreach Commission add to their contribution and to purchase on your behalf, please designate this goal on a check sent to the Parish Office. Needed: Tissues (boxes and individual sizes); Pencils (not mechanical); Erasers (either the pencil topper kind or hand-held); Highlighters; Pens; Folders (with 3 holes punched for binders) You can find the link to the Amazon Wish List under the donation options at <https://stjamesphila.org/donate>

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE Despite our summer heat waves, it's not too early to think about cozy nights by the fireplace this fall and winter. The Bad Boys & Girls have a large supply of split, seasoned hardwoods, mostly oak & walnut, ready for delivery. Scheduling a pick-up-truck load of wood is as easy as emailing Dave Tatum at davetatum@aol.com or calling the church office. The minimum cost for a truckload is \$150, but you can give more if you wish; please make your check payable to St. Peter's in the Great Valley and write BB&G4J on the memo line. Thank you.

FOYERS DINNER UPDATE Since many of the Foyers groups didn't get to complete their dinner gatherings before the pandemic began, we won't be mixing up the groups this fall. As things open up, plan to get together with your current group. With luck, we can revisit this in the future. We won't add any new groups or members at this time, since gatherings are so uncertain. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Mander. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY COMFORT Do you know someone who is struggling due to illness or grief or could simply use encouragement? The Needlework Ministry has created items to meet those needs. You can request a prayer shawl or lap blanket for someone who is ill in almost any weight or color. These also come with a cloth gift bag and booklet of prayers. If someone has lost hair due to chemo treatments, we have prepared chemo caps too. Other people could be sent a simple prayer square. If you wish to support someone in this way, please contact Elizabeth in the Parish office to make arrangements to pick up (in a Covid-safe way) a shawl or cap. Or, she can mail you a prayer square.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REQUESTED As we continue planning for the upcoming program year we want to hear from you. We will offer many of our usual programs and services in virtual or covid-safe ways, but also will be developing new opportunities. If you have ideas or feedback, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org. Thank you!

ATWATER WALKS Join Abigail on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a 45-60 minute walk through the neighborhood adjacent to St. Peter's, weather permitting of course. Limit of 4 people. Please contact Abigail directly if you wish to attend.

BIBLE STUDY will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

PRAYER GROUP Join us Thursday afternoons at 1:15 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Chris for the link details at chris@stpetersgv.org.

THE GATHERING OF MEN Please join Cliff Castle every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. All men in the parish are invited to this virtual morning gathering. If you would like to join this group, please contact Cliff to receive the zoom link. Cliff is listed in the parish directory or you may contact the parish office at 610-644-2261 for his information.

DAILY DEVOTIONS BOOKLETS for August through October are available through the church office. While we are apart, if you would like to receive a Day by Day Daily Devotions for Disciples booklet please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she would be happy to send one to you.

VISITING SAFELY AT YOUR HOME OR AT CHURCH We cannot sit with you inside your home, but Abigail and Chris are happy to stop by your house for a visit in your driveway or yard. You can stay at a safe distance, but enjoy a bit of face to face company. Also, our beautiful campus offers plenty of spaces to visit outdoors, and we would be happy to meet with you at St. Peter's if you prefer, following whatever the most current guidelines are at the time. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you or someone you know would welcome a visit.

TECHNOLOGY HELP Since we have moved all church programming into the virtual space, you may be struggling with how to connect to some of the events we are having. Help is available anytime, to handle your technology and connection issues and questions. We want to help you, in any way possible, to participate in our events and worship. Please reach out to Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or call the office at 610-644-2261.

PLEASE DRIVE GENTLY One of the blessings of this pandemic time is that we are seeing a large, but safe, number of visitors on our beautiful church grounds. Many of them walk or jog over from Atwater. If you are driving on campus, please be especially careful, particularly at the turn in the exit road. Thank you!

NOONDAY PRAYER To help keep us grounded in this time, Abigail and Chris have added daily Noonday prayer to our offerings. This will be available on Facebook live at 12:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Please join us virtually as you are able. Also, if you wish to spend time in either the historic church or bank barn for private prayer, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or her cell at 410-829-4180 to make arrangements.

PRAYER LISTS Because our leaflets are now on a public platform each week, they do not include the parish prayer list, however we are happy to share it with you at your request. Please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she will be happy to send one to you. Thank you.