

## **Newsletter March 2025**

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## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS**

Last year, St. Peter's was blessed to receive a generous bequest from the estate of Walter Trbovic. Additionally, we are receiving a significant annual contribution from the Walter N. Trbovic and Mildred R. Trbovic Endowment Fund. These gifts are nothing short of amazing for our church!

We are able to do fantastic things using just part of the earnings from these gifts (without touching the principal!). Part of the earnings will help us meet our church budget. With so many people in our community and in our country in need, we felt it appropriate to pay this generosity forward. We formed our Outreach Committee last fall to identify charities that we can donate to using part of these earnings. In 4Q 2024, we donated to the UCC fund for hurricane relief, the Compassionate Care ALS organization, and also donated 20 gift cards to Weis Markets to the Northampton County Office of the Aging for distribution to people in need.

Our hope in 2025 is to donate \$8,000 a quarter, always ensuring we can do this from the earnings. In 1Q 2025, we are donating to the following organizations:

- \*Northampton County Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- \*Safe Harbor Easton
- \*Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast PA
- \*The Children's Home of Easton
- \*3<sup>rd</sup> Street Alliance
- \*Suburban EMS
- \*Tatamy Volunteer Fire Company

If you have an organization you'd like us to consider for a future donation, please contact any member of the Outreach Committee: Barb Faust, Cherie and Jeff Heald, Joyce and Bill Hodge, Mary Jane Long, Diane O'Rorke, Linda Olah, Sharon Pinto, Jen Schroeder. If you are interested in joining our committee, feel free to come to a future meeting! Our next meeting is April 16th at 6:00 pm.

## **MEMORIALS**

We are always grateful for memorials we receive here at our church. Memorials were received during the past month for Kathy Edinger. We thank everyone who contributes to the Building Fund.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH**

The altar flowers for March 2025 are: 3/2 Joan & Dave Hulbert in honor of their wedding anniversary, 3/9 Diane O'Rorke in memory of her parents and grandparents, 3/16 Tom & Shawn Castellano in honor of Tom's birthday, 3/23 Sharon Pinto in memory of mother, Arlene Wagner and 3/30 Linda & Dean Olah in memory of father, Rolly Rothrock and brother, Todd Rothrock.

## **NEWSLETTER SPONSOR**

The newsletter this month is sponsored by Sharon Pinto in memory of her mother, Arlene Wagner.

## **PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCES WORKING TOWARD MERGER**

This past November, the four UCC Conferences in Pennsylvania voted individually to merge, becoming a single conference known as the "Keystone Conference." The merger plan must be approved by the national UCC body at its next General Synod this summer.

If you would like to know more about the merger, you can attend a town hall style meeting that will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 pm. We will post the Zoom link on our website and include it in emails later this month.

## **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

Contributions to the Food Bank can be made at anytime during the month. Please bring your contributions any Sunday and deliveries to the Food Bank will be made throughout the month. Thanks to all who donate!

## **ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED**

Altar flower sponsors are needed for September 21 and September 28. If you are interested in sponsoring the altar flowers on either of these days, please speak to Diane O'Rourke. You can call Diane at 484-515-4506. Thanks.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter flowers can be ordered to place in the sanctuary in honor/memory of loved ones. An order form is found in this newsletter. Please have all orders to Diane O'Rourke by Sunday, March 30.

## **MARCH CALENDAR**

SUN.	2	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service. COMMUNION.
WED.	5	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Guild Meeting Ash Wednesday Service. <b>ZOOM ONLY</b>
THURS.	6	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
SUN.	9	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
THURS.	13	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
SUN.	16	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
WED.	19	7:00 p.m.	Consistory Meeting
THURS.	20	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
SUN.	23	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
THURS.	27	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
SUN.	30	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

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| <i>2 Clayton Bellis</i>               | <i>5 Kenneth &amp; Sara Breidinger</i> |
| <i>4 Dick Young</i>                   | <i>8 Paul &amp; Barbara Faust</i>      |
| <i>5 Sherwood Frederick</i>           | <i>14 Joan &amp; David Hulbert</i>     |
| <i>8 Anna Meuser</i>                  |  |
| <i>11 Faith Fehr</i>                  |  |
| <i>13 Bonnie Shaffer</i>              |  |
| <i>14 Ray Pearson, Amanda Pearson</i> |  |
| <i>17 Ben Buss</i>                    |  |
| <i>21 Tom Castellano</i>              |  |
| <i>22 Amy Stoudt</i>                  |  |
| <i>25 Patricia Stasek</i>             |  |
| <i>29 Charlie Horst</i>               |  |