



The Voice on the Hill

St. Peter's Church of Coupland

November, 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

President
Michele Dupy

Vice President
Prissy Rumel

Vice President
Danny Smith

Council Secretary
Carolyn Haverland

Financial Secretary
Anita Holubec

Council Members
Bill Albert
Janet Doss
Judy Downing

TREASURER
Ted Wittliff

LICENSED MINISTER
Charlotte Albert

MINISTER of MUSIC
David Cappolino

CHURCH SECRETARY
Barbara Coleman

In Loving Memory of Those We Lost

Our traditional **Totenfest** ceremony will be held during Worship Service on Sunday, **November 3**. We will light a candle and ring the bell for our members who died in the past year.



Margaret Neeley Henze
November 17, 2023



Melvin Leon Poldrack
April 15, 2024



Ann Mae Johle
July 10, 2024



Irene Sumner
August 1, 2024



Irene Helen Florida
April 8, 2024



Debra "Debbie" Herst Burkhard
August 27, 2024

November Worship Leaders



November 3, Communion

Guest Pastor: Carl Schwartz-King
Worship Coordinator: Michele Dupy
Liturgist: Charlotte Albert



November 10

Guest Pastor: Adam Muery
Worship Coordinator: Danny Smith
Liturgist: Cindy Wood



November 17, Communion

Guest Pastor: Adam Muery
Worship Coordinator: Prissy Rumel
Liturgist: Charlotte Albert



November 24

Guest Pastor: Arlene Turner
Worship Coordinator: Janet Doss
Liturgist: Michele Dupy



Veterans Appreciation Day

During Worship Service on **November 10** we will be honoring military veterans and we are inviting all veterans in the community to join us that morning. Invite your friends and neighbors!

If you served in the military, please send a photo of yourself in uniform to StPetersCoupland@gmail.com, along with your name and branch of service. We will have a special slideshow honoring our veterans.

During the service, veterans will stand as their anthem is played, and each one will also receive a gift. There will be a reception with cookies and beverages immediately following the service.

Please join us on November 10, as we thank those who served to keep our nation safe and continue to protect us every day.

Veterans at St. Peter's Cemetery

According to our records, 53 military veterans are buried at St. Peter's Cemetery. [Click here](#) to see the list on the FindAGrave website and please let us know if we have missed a veteran.

If anyone has photos, obituaries, or info on deceased parents/spouses/children of our veterans, we would be glad to get those added to their FindAGrave memorial pages. Just contact the church office or Ted Wittliff.

Council Report

October 14, 2024

PRESENT: Michele Dupy, Prissy Rumel, Judy Downing, Anita Holubec, Bill Albert, Carolyn Haverland, Danny Smith, Janet Doss and Charlotte Albert.

RESOLUTION: To ensure the continuity of St. Peter's Church, in accordance with St. Peter's Constitution and Bylaws, the Council unanimously passed the following Resolution:

"We, the members of the Council of St. Peter's Church of Coupland, do agree and attest by our signatures below that St. Peter's Church of Coupland is affiliated with United Church of Christ (known as UCC) and do hereby establish a moratorium on any future Council or Congregation voting to leave the UCC for a period of Two (2) years, at which time this resolution may be extended."

MEMBERSHIP DEFINITIONS: Council approved proposed updates to St. Peter's Constitution and Bylaws regarding membership definitions.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A meeting was scheduled immediately following Worship Service on **Sunday, November 17**, to vote on the proposed updates to the Constitution and Bylaws regarding membership definitions.

INSURANCE: Danny has been requesting bids for our Property and Liability insurance, which renews on November 15. Council voted to give Danny authority to select the insurance company for annual renewal, inform Council through email, and to confirm coverage.

FACILITIES USAGE AGREEMENT: Council discussed updates and pricing. A revised Agreement will be presented at the November Council Meeting for approval.

NOMINATIONS: Anita, Carolyn and Janet will be completing their terms on Council in January 2025. Council will consider nominees to fill those positions.

INTERIM PASTOR: Discussion about search timing between Interim and Settled Pastor continuing into 2025. Council agreed to repost the Interim Position on the UCC Website.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Discussion regarding increasing number of children and structure of the Activity Time. Garage Sale proceeds (~\$3500) are earmarked for lesson and craft materials and the paid Attendant.

WORK DAY, NOVEMBER 2: Council scheduled a Work Day from 9 am to Noon to work on outdoor projects, including trimming trees and removing some flower beds to return the areas to grass.

TOTENFEST, NOVEMBER 3 –Charlotte will contact the six families who lost loved ones this past year and facilitate the remembrance ceremony.

NEW MEMBERS: Several people will be joining St. Peter's during Worship service on **November 10**. Anita will arrange a reception to be held after church. Van Herd (our past pianist), wishes to transfer his membership to St. Peter's and, given his distance, will be as active as possible. Council approved Van's request.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY: Ted and Cynthia Wittliff have agreed to host the party on December 7.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Stephanie Ochoa will direct our Christmas Program during Worship Service on **December 15** and ALL children are encouraged to participate.

SOCIAL SUNDAYS: Due to the holidays, there will be no Social Sunday meals in November or December.

President's Message

Does spending extended time with family during the holidays worry you - or are you excited? Families are mixed scoops of joys, trials, wins, sadness, accomplishments, disappointments, and unrivaled support. Relationships demand attention, time and effort.

Our relationship with God is the same. God the Father wants to connect with us on all aspects of our lives. We need to involve Him in our troubles, our gratefulness, our dreams . . .and be willing to succumb to His All Knowing Peace.

This Holiday Season - breathe!

Michele Dupy
Church Council President



There is so much going on in the next few weeks—mark your calendar now for these upcoming special events!

Saturday, November 2, 9 am—Noon

Outside Work Day: All available hands on deck for this Annual Beautification Project. Bring gloves, shovels, water and a busy bee attitude as we tackle projects around the outside of the church, including tree trimming and returning some of the flowerbeds to grass.

Sunday, November 3

Totenfest Ceremony in remembrance of members who passed away in the last year. **Choir Practice** at 9:15 am. Be sure to set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night!

Tuesday, November 5, 7 am to 7 pm

Election Day: Vote in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 10

New Member Sunday and **Recognition of Veterans** during Worship. **Join us after church for cookies in the Fellowship Hall.**

Monday, November 11, at 6 pm

Council Meeting in the Conference Room

Sunday, November 17

Called Congregational Meeting after Worship to vote on updates to Constitution and Bylaws regarding Membership Definitions. **Choir Practice** at 9:15 am.

Tuesday, November 19, at 11:30 am

Community Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, November 20

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, November 26

December Newsletter Published

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent and **Hanging of the Greens:** Join in decorating the church for the Christmas season!

Saturday, December 7

Adult Christmas Party at the home of Cynthia and Ted Wittliff. More details to come.

Sunday, December 8

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal 3 pm to 5 pm

Sunday, December 15

Children's Christmas Program during Worship Service. **Angel Tree** gifts due back to church on the 15th.



St. Peter's is sponsoring the **Angel Tree** gift project again this year. This is a community project with Coupland School and Coupland Volunteer Fire Department. The school identifies children who might need assistance, and the Fire Department assists with delivery of the gifts.

We provide **three gifts for each child:** (1) shirt and pants, (2) wish list toy/gift, (3) wish list toy/gift. You may take all three tags for a child or just one. And, of course, you may shop for more than one individual.

Gift tags will be available in the foyer in late November. When you select your tags, write your name and phone number along with the tag numbers on the sign-up sheet, in case we need to contact you.

Please return the wrapped gifts with the tag attached by Sunday, December 15. This date is very important for coordination with the school and fire department.

If you have questions, contact **Doreen Streit** at dkstreit@gmail.com or 512-659-3625.

Community Senior Luncheon November 19

Join us **Tuesday, November 19**, at 11:30 am for turkey lunch with all the trimmings! The meal is free, but donations are appreciated. Please bring a \$10 bingo prize if you are able.

This is an important ministry providing meals and social interaction for area seniors on the **third Tuesday of odd-numbered months**.

As always, we appreciate volunteers to help with serving and cleanup.



After the pastor's Children's Moment during Sunday Worship Services, children may leave the sanctuary to participate in supervised activities such as art projects, Bible lessons, music and games.

And kids up to 6th grade may choose one item from the Treasure Chest at the sanctuary entrance each week. Coloring sheets are also available.

Please bring your kids and grandchildren to church and invite your neighbors!



The Children's Christmas Program will be held during church services on **Sunday December 15**. Practice along with snacks and Christmas crafts will be held on **Sunday December 8 from 3 pm to 5 pm**. A final practice along with breakfast will be held on **Sunday December 15 at 9:15 am**. Program is open to all children of all ages so invite your friends and grandkids. If you are interested in participating, please contact Stephanie Ochoa at stephanieochoa@ymail.com or 512-818-4651 so she can plan parts accordingly.

Meet our Secretary



Barbara Coleman has been the Church Secretary at St. Peter's for 8 years, since November of 2016.

She runs the office, prepares bulletins and slideshows for worship services and funerals, sends the weekly email update, produces the newsletter and materials for the Council Meetings and Congregational Meetings, and much more!

Prior to joining the St. Peter's, Barbara worked at the City of Austin for 23 years. A native Austinite, she currently lives in Hutto.

Barbara received an Associate of Arts Degree from Blinn Junior College and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Radio, TV, Film from Sam Houston State University.

Stop by the office, Monday through Thursday from 8 am to Noon, and thank Barbara for everything she does for St. Peter's!

Social Sunday

Due to the holidays, we aren't scheduling a Social Sunday event in November or December, but we encourage members to **get together for meals** on their own and to invite someone you don't know well to join you.

This is how we build community!

PRAYER list

We lift up prayers of healing and comfort for all members, friends and family who are sick, grieving, or facing challenges. Lord, hear our prayers.

Continued prayers for **Troy Watson, Robert Bland, Terry Finn, Betty Marosko** and also for **Fred Marosko** in his steadfast care for her, and for our homebound and those in care facilities.

For pastoral concerns or prayer requests, please contact Charlotte Albert at 512-924-3335 or email CharlotteAlbert66@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We're so grateful for **David Cappolino**, our choir members and all the talented musicians who provide special music throughout the year, as we sing praises to God each Sunday.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir will rehearse at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of the month through December. We could use some additional members, so please join us!

SPECIAL MUSIC: On **November 10** former opera singer **Emma Leigh Maciazek** will be singing during Worship Service. Don't miss this special treat!



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

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

Offering Reminder

It's a big help to the folks who count and record the offerings if you **write on the memo line of your check what the money is for** (regular offering, food pantry, memorial for xxxx). It's not necessary to use an envelope for checks. Just place your check face-down in the plate. Thanks!

November Birthdays

1st	Ruby Wabbel
2nd	Judy Downing
5th	Zac Wood
6th	Dinah Smith
7th	Hank Smith
8th	Brandon Dupy
9th	Peggy Walther-Anderson
10th	DeAnna Snell, Regina Eiben, Doyle Lee Harkins, Barbara Coleman
11th	Lance Haag
13th	Isabel Albert
14th	Aleshia Harkins, Alice Finn
16th	Rex Snell
23rd	Terry Kuntschik
24th	Matt Eiben
25th	Sandra Wernli





Regular Giving for October: \$10,913

Year-to-Date Regular Giving: \$104,323

Special Offerings:

Shepherd's Heart \$185

UCC Disaster Relief Fund \$100

Kirchenfest \$916

IN LOVING
Memory

Memorials for Debbie Herst Burkhard

Robert & Doreen Streit

Heather Watson

Bottle Cap Mission



Coupland resident Maria Celvera shared with us a simple mission project. Just save the caps from plastic bottles and bring them to the container that we're setting up at church.

Maria takes the bottle caps when she visits Mexico. An organization there sells them to a recycling company and the funds are used to help pay for children's cancer treatment. Let's see how many bottle caps we can collect by the end of this year!

Acceptable plastic bottle caps:

Soda	Milk
Water	Cream
Juice	

Size and color do not matter, but no chemical or medication tops please.

November Mission Project: Hurricane Relief

Hurricanes Helene and Milton caused widespread devastation in Florida and the Southeast, including damage to several UCC churches.

We can help by donating to the "UCC Disaster Ministries" fund. Make checks payable to St. Peter's Church, listing "Hurricane" on the memo line, or scroll to the bottom of this page to donate by credit card directly to the disaster fund: <https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief>

Shepherd's Heart

Thank you to **Doreen Streit, Prissy Rumel, Danny Smith, Martha Poldrack, Michele Dupy, Charlotte Albert, Brynley Finn, and Kaydence Epper-son** for working at the food pantry on October 12.



We can continue to help Shepherd's Heart:

- **Bring food** to the basket in the entry of the sanctuary. Suggested items are canned meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, and packaged foods like rice, beans, peanut butter, and mac and cheese.
- **Shop the thrift store** at 121 E 2nd Street in Taylor, open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm. Proceeds go to buy food.
- **Donate clothing and household items** to the thrift store during open hours.
- **Volunteer** to work in the thrift store.

Kirchenfest Celebration

On October 27 we honored the following prior Confirmands. After church, 73 people enjoyed a chicken fried steak lunch.

See page 9 of the online version for more Kirchenfest photos.

10 yrs. – Confirmed April 13, 2014

By: Rev. Dr. Frank Dietz and
Pastor Charlotte Albert

Kaley Gregory Jayme Johns
Traeton Thompson Amanda Krieg Rumsey
Delaney Webb

25 yrs. – Confirmed on March 28, 1999

By: Rev. Christine A. Tinker

Adam Doss Clayton Ging
Derik Johle Waylon Hanson, DECEASED
Elizabeth Heineken

50 yrs – Confirmed on April 7, 1974

By: Rev. Jewel Johnson, DECEASED

Scott Ging Melissa Haverland Weise
Karen Page Johle
Randy Haverland, DECEASED

75 yrs – Confirmed April 10, 1949

By: Rev. Robert A. Mohr, DECEASED

On April 10, 2024, this class of 7 had only 1 living member. Sadly, on June 15, 2024,

Morris Lynn Dagerath, passed away.

The other DECEASED members of that class were: William Albert Walther, Gustav Carl Guenther, James Edward Bittner, Oscar Fred Findeisen, Franklyn Wallace Eiben, and Billie Dean Schultz.



Calvin James Ging
82nd Anniversary.

We honor the active living member of this class.
Confirmed May 24, 1942

November Events

Sunday Mornings

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship Service and Children's Church, 10:15 am

Outside Work Day

Saturday, November 2, from 9 am-Noon

Totenfest Service

Sunday, November 3 (Daylight Savings Ends)

Voting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 5, 7 am to 7 pm

New Member Sunday, Veterans Appreciation

Sunday, November 10, during Worship

Council Meeting

Monday, November 11, at 6:00 pm

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 17, after Worship

Community Senior Luncheon

Tuesday, November 19, at 11:30 am

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 20

Community Play Day

Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am

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Kirchenfest Photos



Children's Moment
Rev. Steven Swope



Kirchenfest Lunch



Jayme Johns and Amanda Krieg Rumsey
Confirmed April 13, 2014



Kirchenfest Lunch



Melissa Haverland Weise and Scott Ging
Confirmed April 7, 1974



Display of 2024
Confirmation Anniversaries

Choo Choo Fest 2024



Sunday Worship Service



Minister Charlotte Albert blessing the children
October 20



Communion Sunday with Minister Charlotte Albert and
Rev. Linda McWhorter, October 20



Children's Moment with Rev. Linda McWhorter
October 20

