



# The Voice on the Hill

## St. Peter's Church of Coupland

### October, 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

### Kirchenfest October 27

Kirchenfest is a traditional St. Peter's celebration which honors and recognizes past Confirmation graduates. Join us Sunday, October 23 at 10:15 am as we celebrate the history of our church. After service, we will have a catered chicken fried steak lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

### Choo Choo Fest October 20



On Sunday, October 20, the Coupland Civic Organization (CCO) will host Choo Choo Fest at St. Peter's in the Fellowship Hall. A barbecue lunch starting at 11:30 am will be prepared by Master Chef Peter Wabbel and will include sausage, pork loin and chicken drumsticks. Bring the kids to enjoy the petting zoo and ride the kiddie express train. More information will be in the Thursday weekly email as it becomes available.

The annual Choo Choo fest is a fundraiser for the restoration of the CCO's historic caboose.



The Annual "Trunk or Treat" event, presented by the Coupland Civic Organization, will take place on Sunday, October 27 at 6 pm rain or shine. The traditional celebration consists of persons decorating the trunks of their vehicles and parking up and down Wathen Street to enable children a safe haven to trick or treat.

## October Worship Leaders



### October 6, World Communion Sunday

Guest Pastor: Adam Muery  
Worship Coordinator: Michele Dupy  
Liturgist: Charlotte Albert



### October 13

Guest Pastor: Dr. Burt Burlison  
Worship Coordinator: Judy Downing  
Liturgist: Charlotte Albert



### October 20, Communion

Guest Pastor: Rev. Linda McWhorter  
Worship Coordinator: Carolyn Haverland  
Liturgist: Charlotte Albert



### October, 27 Kirchenfest

Guest Pastor: Rev. Steven Swope  
Worship Coordinator: Anita Holubec  
Liturgist: Judy Downing

## President's Message

PEACE WITHIN ~

Sitting at DFW today (delayed) and watching all the furious scurrying of people, planes, baggage carts, etc...

My heart & mind however are at peace.

I think this comes with age - being able to submit to "not being in charge".

As we turn to the busy Fall season and all its holidays, travels and family commitments ~ my prayer is that you find Your inner peace. Find that slow exhale of breath that allows you to relax and understand - God's got this.

Because as our Pastoral Search Committee continues their duties and time keeps passing, remember too ~ God's got this!

*Michele Dupy*

*St Peter's Church Council President*



Special Music Sunday, October 6, by Bailey Langlois from Coupland School.



**WORLD COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

*Psalm 133:1 (NRSV)*

*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*

Join us for Worship and Communion on Sunday, October 6, for World Communion Sunday. This day is a symbol of unity, promoting oneness in Christ with all Christian brothers and sisters by breaking bread together, recognizing the Lord's Supper in many different ways around the world.

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# Council Meeting Minutes

## September 9, 2024

**Present:** Michele Dupy, Prissy Rumel, Judy Downing, Anita Holubec, Bill Albert, Carolyn Haverland.

**Absent:** Danny Smith, Janet Doss and Charlotte Albert

Opening Prayer by Michele Dupy

*Council minutes August 12th were recognized & Sept 9th Agenda approved.*

**Pastoral Search Committee** has received several profiles for review

Looking into **QR code** for Church offering/donation gifts for use by guests & visitors.

**Insurance Quotes** being gathered - current policy expires November 15th.

Keeping Weekly Attendance List to track Visitors, Cynthia Wittliff will continue visitor follow-ups & ongoing note cards and we have new Promotional St Peter's Tri-fold for guests.

**September 28th** Church Garage Sale - tables to be set out after 9/17 - Need Helpers!

Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry **October 12<sup>th</sup>** 7:30 to 10:30am

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** is Kirchenfest (Charlotte/ Anita) and **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** is Totenfest (All Saints Day)

Special Monthly Offering October: Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry

### **October Worship Coordinators:**

6<sup>th</sup> Michele Dupy - 13<sup>th</sup> Judy Downing - 20<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Haverland - 27<sup>th</sup> Anita Holubec

Portals of Prayer booklets will decrease from 30/quarter to 15/quarter - relook in 2025

Kelliana Little Wedding is October 12<sup>th</sup> (Michele to be Building Coordinator)

Mission Outreach checks will be sent out monthly (instead of quarterly) by Jennifer Tatrow.

Budget Committee will meet October, present to Council November for Annual in January 2025

Children's Church going well & discussed paying Attendant's in petty cash from the Garage Sale

Constitution and Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated.

**Special Called Church Council Meeting scheduled Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** immediately following church for the purpose of correctly defining membership categories and making edit suggestions consistent with current Church philosophy.

LED digital sign at street corner – bids in progress (Danny and Michele)

**Next Council Meeting is Monday October 14 @ 6pm**

Submitted by

Carolyn Haverland

St Peter's Church Council Secretary

# Social Sunday

30 people enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by our very own Chef Peter Wabbel at That Place Out Yonder on September 29.

We encourage members to get together for lunch on other Sundays, and to invite someone you don't know well to join you.



**SO MANY** people work to keep St. Peter's running smoothly. This month special thanks go to:

**Master Chef Peter Wabbel** for preparing a delicious meal for our Sunday Lunch Out September 29.

**Everyone** who assisted with the garage sale. Whether you purchased items, donated items, or your time, your assistance was greatly appreciated. We raised over \$3,000 which will go towards the children's church ministry.

Special thanks to Prissy Rumel and Carolyn Haverland for organizing the event and all those who helped set out and tagged items.



Garage Sale, Saturday, September 28

# Community Senior Luncheon

The Community Senior Luncheon, hosted by the ladies group at St. Peter’s Church, is an important ministry providing meals and social interaction for area seniors on the **third Tuesday of odd-numbered months**.

On Tuesday, September 17, the 40 attendees enjoyed chicken spaghetti, green beans, French bread, and Italian ice and lemon cookies for dessert.

Thank you so much to **Cindy Alexander, Janet Doss, Anita Holubec, Charlotte Albert, Prissy Rumel, Mabelle Sandbulte**, from Citizen’s National Bank, **Wanda Walther**, and students from Coupland ISD for serving and cleaning up.

There was a surprise birthday celebration for Evelyn Draehn with cake and a song!

The next luncheon on **Tuesday, November 19**, will feature turkey with all the trimmings. The meal is free, but donations are appreciated. Please bring a \$10 bingo prize if you are able.



# Meet our Music Director



Playing beautiful music on Sunday mornings is the very talented **David Cappolino**. He has a broad range of musical experience, serving as pianist/organist for multiple churches in Central Texas for more than 30 years.

He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from The University of Texas as well as an MBA.

David and his wife, Karen, have a son, David, who works in advertising in New York City. They also have three badly behaved, but lovable pups - Oscar, Felix and Ziggy.



After the pastor’s Children’s Moment during Sunday Worship Services, children may leave the sanctuary to participate in supervised activities such as Bible lessons, art, 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!



Children’s Moment, September 15



We lift up prayers of healing and comfort for those who are sick, grieving, or facing challenges.

Prayers for **S. R. Moss, Hermania Vitek, Troy Watson, Robert Bland, Terry Finn, Betty Marosko** who is currently at The Center at Parmer for Rehabilitation and also for **Fred Marosko** in his steadfast care for her, **Hance Boring** (grandson of Dorothy Hahn - second battle with cancer), 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 her at charlottealbert66@gmail.com.

## Thank you St. Peter's

Dear St Peter's Church;

Thank you, thank you, thank you so much for all the kind words, memorials and cards you sent at Irene's death. I never understood how very meaningful a simple sympathy card could be until I was the recipient.

Wow, they brought floods of tears, delightful memories and a sense of strength to go forward. Irene was still alive when some Get Well cards arrived and she was so very moved by the caring thoughts and prayers.

Now that she is gone, Anneli, Hans and Christian and I have been especially moved by the deep sense of love and caring you have expressed.

You have been wonderful, dear Church, and I thank God for our years together.

God's blessings to you all.

Pastor John



## 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

## Thank you from Lois

I wish to thank everyone for visits, cards, and calls while I was in the hospital and skilled nursing and rehab.

May God Bless each one of you.

Lois Schmidt

## October Birthdays

- 1st Logan Fryer
- 3rd Justin Krieg, Pam Blomquist, Patricia Dickey, Terry Finn, Bill Dupy
- 4th Ashton Albert, Crystal Krieg, Steven Schmidt, Tonya Clemons
- 7th Georgia Hanson
- 8th Emily Garrison, Candice Mills
- 10th Gunner Streit
- 12th Vivian Eiben
- 13th Crissy Johns
- 15th Garrett Stork
- 16th Peter Wabbel
- 18th Hailey Clemons
- 19th Ashley Doss
- 21st Bill Doss, Tiffany Samuelson
- 27th Arthur Henze
- 31st Robert Bland





**Regular Giving for September:** \$12,223

**Year-to-Date Regular Giving:** \$19,930

**Special Offerings:**

- Family Village Farm \$860
- Cemetery Operating Fund \$50
- Memorial Offerings \$140



**Memorials for Agnes Eschberger**

Bill & Charlotte Albert  
Calvin Ging

**Memorials for Irene Sumner**

Calvin Ging  
Becky Sutton  
Troy & Jeanette Watson

## October Mission Project



Founded in 1993 by a church in Taylor, Shepherd's Heart Ministries now partners with 20 churches in the area, including St. Peter's. Their mission is to show the love of God by providing food, clothing, and shelter assistance, offering hope and help to all.

Each week Shepherd's Heart distributes groceries to about 400 households. If there are just 10 items in each bag of food, 4,000 items need to be purchased or donated weekly.

They also provide a low cost source of clothing and household goods through their thrift store and have limited funds available for utility and rent assistance.

### How You Can Help

- **Help distribute food on Saturday, October 12, from 7:30 to 10:30 am.** We will bag food and hand out groceries at curbside. No heavy lifting.
- Buy a handmade bowl at their **Empty Bowl FUNdraiser on October 12**, 11:30 am to 2 pm. See details [www.ShepherdsHeartTaylor.org](http://www.ShepherdsHeartTaylor.org).
- **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.
- **Donate money** through our October Mission Offering or at our monthly Social Sunday meal.
- **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.

## Family Village Farm

Our September Mission Offering went to the **Family Village Farm** orphanage and school in Southern India. We raised \$860, enough money to sponsor two children or elders.

Sunday, September 29



Rev. Gerry Metzger



Children's Moment



Special Music by Adam Muery

## October Events

### Sunday Mornings

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship Service and Children's Church, 10:15 am

### Special Called Meeting

Sunday, October 6, after church

### Shepherd's Heart Food Distribution

Saturday, October 12, 7:30 am—10:30 am

### Council Meeting

Monday, October 14 at 6:00 pm

### CCO's Choo Choo Fest at St. Peter's

Sunday, October 20 following Worship

### Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, October 23

### Community Play Day

Saturday, October 26, at 9:00 am

### Kirchenfest Lunch and Special Music

Sunday, October 27

### Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27, at 6:00 pm

## Connect With Us

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