

The Evangel

St. Peter's First
Community Church

May 2025

The purpose of St. Peter's First Community Church is to
GLORIFY God, **BUILD** up the body of Christ, and **REACH** out
to those in our community and world to help them become
followers of Christ.

Mary's Garden Tea and Basket Party: A Legacy of Love and Service

A Word From Katie Schilling

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

What began in 2012 as a simple Ladies Tea at St. Peter's First Community Church has grown into a deeply meaningful tradition—one that brings together women from our church and community each spring in a spirit of joy, generosity, and remembrance.



After the passing of Mary Schilling in 2015—a woman whose grace, warmth, and hospitality touched many—the event was renamed Mary's Garden Tea and Basket Party in her honor. Mary embodied everything this gathering stands for: welcoming others with open arms, encouraging connection, and quietly tending to the needs of those around her. It felt only fitting that her legacy be woven into an event that celebrates beauty, friendship, and purpose.

Though the tea took a four-year pause during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has returned in full bloom. Over the years, the event has raised funds for a variety of local organizations that reflect Mary's giving spirit, including the Youth Service Bureau, McKenzie's Hope, Homework Help, the Free Health Clinic, Place of Grace, Blessings in a Backpack, and this year, the Huntington County Humane Society.

Each year features decorated tables, delicious refreshments, and an impressive collection of raffle baskets—donated and assembled with care—that help raise support for these missions. But more than that, Mary's Garden Tea and Basket Party is a time to reconnect, to reflect, and to remember that even small acts of kindness, like pouring a cup of tea or offering a smile, can have a lasting impact.

Mary's legacy continues to grow, not only through the funds raised or the causes supported, but in the way this event brings people together—something she always valued. As we gather again this year, we do so with hearts full of gratitude, joy, and the quiet hope that what we plant in love will continue to bloom for years to come.

Let us keep tending Mary's Garden—together.

Opportunities to Serve

What gifts is God asking you to share? This summer we have several opportunities for you to serve at St. Pete's depending on your interests. We need individuals to volunteer during the service for livestream tech, sound system tech, liturgist, ushers. You also could join a ministry team like discipleship, missions, or fellowship. When we serve together, we serve as the body of Christ! Please call the church office at 260-356-7728 or email church@spfcc.org, if you are interested.

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About St. Peter's First

Our Mission

St. Peter's First Community Church is a covenant community committed to glorifying God by building up the body of Christ and helping others in our world and neighborhood become followers of Jesus.

Our Covenant

We covenant with one another to seek God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to obey His Word, and to witness the good news of Jesus Christ to the world around us. This we do through the power of the Holy Spirit who has been given to us by the Father to glorify the Son, looking forward toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

MAY 2025 CALENDAR

Journey with St. Pete's!

6th:	5:30 p.m.	Circle of Faith at SPFCC
13th:		SeniorPak
	5:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
14th:	6:15 p.m.	Kids' Growing With Jesus
17th:	8:45 a.m.	Mary's Garden Tea & Basket Party
19th:	6:00 p.m.	Men's Meet-up
26th:		Memorial Day (Office Closed)
	5:30 p.m.	New Life Meal Ministry
27th:		SeniorPak
	6:15 p.m.	Community Song Time

Birthdays

05/02, Brandt Bender
05/02, Eleanor Oprie
05/04, Scott Harter
05/05, Sally Kimmel
05/06, Zoey Haneline
05/09, Rick Chesterman
05/12, Jill Krueger
05/15, Lawson Lemon
Abigail Nicholson
05/16, Megan Condry
Jenna Strick
05/18, Steve Schilling
05/19, Lincoln Baker
Josh Nicholson
05/21, Dustin Shafer
05/24, Shawn Malone
Dianna Whitesell
05/26, Kyle Metzger
05/30, Theda Neel
05/31, Landree Lemon

Anniversaries

05/05,
Kirk & Sherry Baker
Howard & Linda Strick
05/21,
Ryan & Satin Lemon
05/30,
Adam & Jess Jones

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Psalm 100:1-2



We are Easter People!

Currently, we are in the season of Eastertide. It is a 50-day period that begins on Easter Sunday and ends on Pentecost Sunday. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the following events in his life, including his ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Eastertide is considered a time of joyful celebration and reflection. Let's celebrate together the goodness of God's grace and our Savior's victory over sin and death! Alleluia!