

Our mission is to serve God by serving others! Hope is our business!

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Serving Today: Terri DePatis, worship director & pianist; DePatis Family, special music; Stacey O’Brien, liturgist; Marsha Winner, greeter; Tracie Sampson, children’s ministries; Greg Atkinson & Abby Simmons, tech.; Antoinette Bidlingmaier, nursery dir.; Jake Sampson, custodian; Laura Heubner, fin. sec.; Jan Koch, adm. asst.; Pastor Randy Reese, benediction; Pastor Rick Pierce, message

10:30 a.m. Sept. 14, 2025



Opening

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Screen

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

Greeting

Pastor Rick

Video

Children’s Message *We’ll be taking a special collection today for the fire victims in Petersburg.*

Prayer

Special “I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb” DePatis Family

Holy Scripture Luke 15:1-10

Message “Come Together” Pastor Rick

Benediction Pastor Randy

Closing “Shout to the LORD” Screen

New here? We welcome you! If you have a question, a greeter is happy to answer it for you. Please fill out a “Make a Connection” card in the bulletin. We no longer pass the collection plates — they’re at the back of the sanctuary and at the sanctuary entrance if you wish to give. Nursery care is available downstairs today beginning at 9:30.

WHICH SHEEP ARE LOST? This is a deceptively simple parable. We get it — we think. After all, who hasn’t celebrated when they found something they lost! So, on the surface, this parable is about restoration and rejoicing. But, as we dig deeper, we find that the grumbling of the Pharisees, the religious establishment of Jesus’ time, can point forward to us, the religious establishment of today.



Pastor Rick & Cindy

What prompted their grumbling? It seems that Jesus was welcoming sinners and eating with them. Who hasn’t felt a twinge of resentment when an outcast or marginalized person is celebrated for finding their way back to the faith? So the questions for us are these: Will we join the celebration? Are we willing to show mercy and forgiveness as our Father does for us?

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: We will be taking up a special collection on Sunday morning for the victims of the recent fire in Petersburg. Thankfully, there were no injuries.



RALLY SUNDAY! We want to thank Richard Landry, a Christian magician, for his show last Sunday. We also wanted to thank the facepainter, Amanda Eilers, whose work is amazing, and, of course, Tracie Sampson, our director of children’s ministries, for pulling it all together. Rally Sunday kicks off our fall schedule: worship at 8 and 10:30, choir practice at 9, Sunday School at 9:30, and also bell choir practice at 6 on Wednesdays. By the way, Richard is at top left, and that’s Jackson Wooldridge, displaying his face paint at right.

PETERSBURG UMC

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Sunday worship: 8, 10:30. Sunday School: 9:30. (fall schedule)

Pastor: Rick Pierce, 618-363-8369; Worship Dir.: Terri DePatis
Adm. Asst.: Jan Koch; Fin. Sec.: Laura Heubner; Treas.: Randy
Atwater; Nursery Dir.: Antoinette Bidlingmaier; Custodian:
Jake Sampson; Adm. Bd. Chr: Teresa Atterberry; Trustees Chr:
Norm Claussen; Youth: Cody & Eric Heubner; YOSM: Joe & Susie
Pokorny; Operation Christmas Child: Helene Atkinson; Mercy House:
Dana Blair; Kumler: Mary Bradford; Sew & Sew's: Marsha Winner;
UMW: Ginny Ramage; Children's Ministries: Tracie Sampson;
Cong. Care: Karen Barrett; Web & Tech: Eric Heubner & Jake;
New Church Chr: Kate Becker;

SMALL GROUPS

- ♦ **Men's breakfast group** The Corner Café at 8 Wednesdays. Call Paul at 801-5254.
- ♦ **Women's Bible Fellowship** meets here at 8 a.m. Fridays. They're studying James. Call Helene at 899-5210.
- ♦ **Saturday morning men's group** meets at 7 here & on Zoom. They're studying John. Call Joe at 899-2744.

Received from Sept. 7-13	\$4,091
Total gifts received this year through Sept. 13	\$167,155
Needed through Sept. 13	\$174,730
Needed weekly: \$4,792 ·	
Attendance Sept. 7: 93 · YouTube: 35	

Total Future Building Funds raised (as of Aug. 1)	\$1,543,687.41
Investment gains/loss since investing	\$358,218.51
Total Future Building Fund Expenses (includes land purchase, architect's fee & consultants' fees)	\$213,442.59
Future Building Funds Now Available	\$1,688,463.33

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10:30 Service

We're on  YouTube

The Parable of the Lost Sheep



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