

Our mission is to serve God by serving others! Hope is our business!
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Serving Today: Terri DePatis, worship director & pianist; Terri & Deb Reese, special music; TBA, liturgist; Stan & Margaret Leach, greeters; Tracie Sampson, children’s ministries; Eric Heubner, tech.; Antoinette Bidlingmaier, nursery dir.; Jake Sampson, custodian; Laura Heubner, fin. sec.; Jan Koch, adm. asst.; Gary DePatis, benediction; Pastor Rick Pierce

10:30 a.m. Nov. 9, 2025



Opening	“In Christ Alone” (My Hope is Found)	Screen
Greeting & Video		Pastor Rick
Children’s Message		Tracie
Special	“Come Ye Thankful People, Come”	Terri, Deb
Prayer		Pastor
Remembering our Vets		
Song	“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”	insert
Scripture	Luke 8:4-15	
Message	“The Sower”	Pastor
Benediction & Closing	“Here I Am, LORD”	Gary
Postlude		Terri

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.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER: Today we take up another great parable. This one is called “The Sower.” As a measure of its importance, it is found in all three synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In the parable, the seed represents the Word of God. The sower, therefore, is spreading the Word. Finally, there is the soil itself, which represents the response of those who hear the Word. The first soil is the path where people walk, the second soil is rocky, the third is filled with thorns, and the fourth is the good soil. We are blessed in this instance that Jesus himself interprets the parable for His disciples. But there is still much for us to consider.



Pastor Rick & Cindy

THANKSGIVING MEAL, SNAP CRISIS: The Community Thanksgiving Meal is back! It will be Thanksgiving Day from 11-1:30 at the new VFW, formerly Mom & Pop’s/Gillmore’s. We’ll be working alongside our friends at St. Peter, VFW, the food pantry, and Richie Gillmore. Lindsay Wilkin, who oversees the food pantry/Community Cottage and Garden, reported last Sunday that Menard has 1,500 households where SNAP benefits are being cut back and delayed by the shutdown. So, we “passed the hat” for the food pantry, filling Ed Blair’s cowboy hat with \$1,504. Thank you and bless you all for your generosity!



VETERANS SUNDAY: We will be honoring our veterans, past, present and future, at both services this Sunday. If you’ll turn over the prayer list, you’ll see that we are praying for 20 servicemen and women from our community — and seven are from our church. When you see them, thank them for their service and their willingness to sacrifice.



“Only by
giving are you able
to receive
more
than you
already have.”
- Jim Rohn



Offerings for Petersburg United Methodist Church can now be made on our website. Please visit petersburgchurch.com/give for more information.



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Make a **connection!**

We'd love to get to know you. Please fill out this card and drop it in a collection plate on your way out or just give it to the pastor.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

I am a:

- ◇ First time visitor
- ◇ Regular attendee
- ◇ Member

Please pray for me, a friend or family member:

I'd like more info about:

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Sunday worship: 8, 10:30. Sunday Study: 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 Nov. 2-8	\$7,908
Total gifts received this year through Nov. 8	\$203,570
Needed through Nov. 8	\$213,722
Needed weekly: \$4,792 · Food Pantry collection on Nov. 2: \$1,504	
Attendance Nov. 2: 117 · YouTube: 33	

Total Future Building Funds raised (as of Nov. 1)	\$1,567,679.06
Investment gains/loss since investing	\$423,123.70
Total Future Building Fund Expenses (includes land purchase, architect's fee & consultants' fees)	
	\$213,468.19
Future Building Funds Now Available	\$1,777,334.57

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