



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Fare Thee Well

You Are
LOVED!

January 14, 2024
Second Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: *"Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"*, Gotsch

*CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Stand as you are able.)*

Leader: God is calling. Do you not hear?
You are being called by name, for a purpose.

**People: God, you have searched us and know us.
You discern our thoughts from far away.**

Leader: Do not confuse the siren calls of the world for God's call.
Do not confuse the values of this world for God's values.

**People: You know, O God, when we sit and when we stand.
You know when we lie down and where we go.**

Leader: Your words and your deeds are known to God.
You were known to God before you were born.

**People: Your knowledge of us is more than we can
understand. Your thoughts embrace us amid all
you have created.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #167 *"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"*

***THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)*

We have come together, listening God, because you have spoken your word of summons and welcome. We are drawn irresistibly to the promise of your presence and by the persistence of your call. Speak to your servants here in ways we can understand. We want to hear the message you intend for us. We want to listen, not because someone else needs to have it told to them, but because we ourselves are needy sinners. Your expectations of us are high and holy. We tremble before you, eager for the heavens to be opened in our midst for our transformation. Amen.

Gloria Patri #623

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #364 *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*
(Please be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

Choral Response: #126 *“A Nativity Prayer”*

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PSALTER LESSON: PSALM 139 1:6, 13-18 #503

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Adoration”* #165

Choral Response: *“Let the Words of My Mouth”* #618

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: *“FARE THEE WELL”*

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Doxology **(Stand as you are able.)* #625 unison prayer of dedication
praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye Heavenly host; **
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*
*(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #202 *“Amazing Grace”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "What God Ordains is Good", Marburg
(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)

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Everyone is Welcome!

Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host. If you are visiting for the first time, we are delighted to have you here!

The Psalmist sings: "Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise."
We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend.

WORSHIP TEAM

Senior Pastor	Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Pam Miskov
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz, Tom Janas, Lewis Zeller

Church News

Coffee Chats 

Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst
Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

Join us today in the Fellowship Hall!

Please stop down to the Fellowship Hall after worship this morning for **cake and ice cream**, in appreciation for all that Pastor Chris has done in his ministry at St. Peter's. We wish him blessings on his next ministry with First UCC of Galion.

Also, mark your calendar for next week, Jan. 21st as we will have a **potluck luncheon** starting about 11:30 AM. We hope to see everyone there! More details to come.

Pulpit Supply for next Sunday

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Jim Cunningham next Sunday, Jan. 21st to lead us in worship. Jim is retired from full-time ministry having served for 23 years as a Board Certified Health Care Chaplain and 15 years as a Parish Pastor in the United Church of Christ. He was Director of Pastoral Care at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland for 10 years. Jim has a B.A. degree from Heidelberg University, Tiffin OH, an M.Div. degree from Lancaster theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA and completed a one year health care residency program at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL. In retirement, Jim is guest preaching, and hosts 2 monthly on-line chat rooms for retired clergy. Jim and his spouse, Charlie, live in Westlake, Ohio with two cats.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month volunteers help feed the hungry. This week on **Wednesday, Jan. 17** we need volunteer(s) to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please call **Betty Pekare at 440-245-1231**. Thank you for your help!

Handbell Choir Rehearsal on Jan. 18, 7 PM

Choir Rehearsal | Sunday, Jan. 21 , 9 AM

YOGA with Mary-K

St. Peter's UCC, enter Chapel door to the lower level | Cost: \$10
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM (arrive by 8:25 AM)
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM (arrive by 5:55 PM)

Help Feed our Children!



Needed items for **CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM**

- . Single Serving PB & Jelly
- . Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)
- . Oatmeal Packages
- . Peanut Butter Crackers
- . Individual Cereals
- . Small Bag Pretzels
- . Canned Soup (Pop top lids)
- . Granola Bars
- . Small Bag Chips
- . Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)
- . Fruit Cups & Jello Cups

We are also collecting 'regular food items' for families with food insecurities. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. *Thanks to Pam and everyone who donates.*

A Thank you from the Good Shepherd Food Bank

Thank you so much for your generous donation of food for our Backpack Program and Food Pantry. Every month Pam brings the food, and I know I can count on you guys for a donation. We hand out **106 bags of food** for the kids each week for them to have on the weekend. Without your generous donations that wouldn't be possible. Thank you & God bless! *–Good Shepherd Food Bank*

Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

Help us continue to move forward in faith by submitting your pledge card, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

“When leaving the church, please make sure to push the door closed. There have been times it’s left unlocked.” *Thank you!*

An update to the January KEY, council summary:

Please note that the snowblower was donated by Dick and Judy McCurdy, and the repairs were made by Walter Beale. Thank you for the donation AND the labor!



At St. Peter's we work together in love to build strong foundations for our lives in Christ. This firm foundation allows us to put **“Arms and Legs on Christ’s love in the world”** We believe that God is calling you to be embraced by God’s radical love and to be a part of this foundation of faith.

Join us LIVE on **Facebook: St. Peter’s UCC Amherst, OH**

Zoom: Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205
(or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099)

The service will be posted at a later date to view on our **YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst**

NEW! Be sure to check out ***“A minute with Pastor Chris”*** on YouTube! Also, please Subscribe, Like and Share



This Week's Events

- Mon., Jan. 15 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
 Council Meeting, 7 PM, Zoom
 No Preschool
- Tues., Jan. 16 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., Jan. 17 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Jan. 18 YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
 Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Sun., Jan. 21 Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Jim Cunningham
 Potluck Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, 11:30 AM

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
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