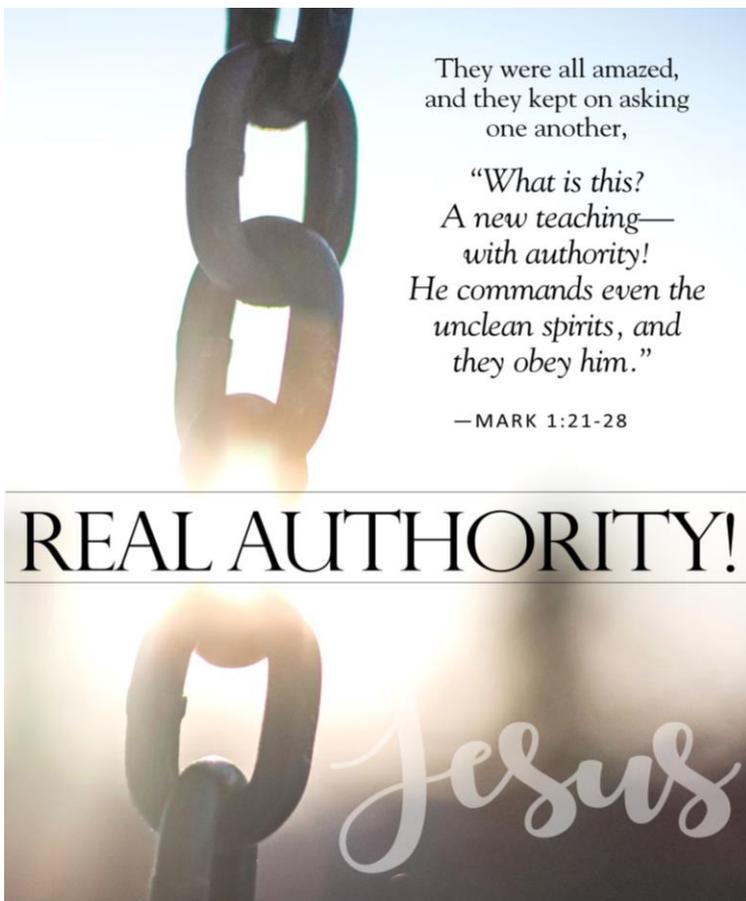




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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



They were all amazed,
and they kept on asking
one another,

*“What is this?
A new teaching—
with authority!
He commands even the
unclean spirits, and
they obey him.”*

—MARK 1:21-28

REAL AUTHORITY!

Jesus

January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: *“Prelude in G minor”,* Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP: – Adapted from Lavon Bayler

**(Stand as you are able.)*

Leader: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.
God’s righteousness endures forever.

**People: We come together as a congregation of believers.
We give thanks to God with whole hearts.**

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.
At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

**People: The works of God’s hands are established among us.
We can count on God’s righteousness and
faithfulness.**

Leader: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.
All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

**People: Holy and awesome is God’s name.
We call on God to empower our worship.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #108 *“Come, Christians, Join to sing”*

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

God of the prophets, help us to recognize your voice among the competing claims of our day. Raise up in our midst authentic witnesses to your truth. Be present with us now to guide our prayers and praise. Let us not presume to know your message without careful listening or to speak your word without

discerning the Spirit. Light your fires within us so we may heed your summons and give our best in your service. Amen.

Gloria Patri #623 (Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #390 *"May the Mind of Christ my Savior"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

Choral Response: #614 *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 1: 21-28 #812

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* #433

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "OPEN TO INTERRUPTION"

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: #374 *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Trumpet Tune”, Purcell*
(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

Pulpit Supply	Chaplain Amanda Nagy
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Shelley Harmych
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Lewis Zeller Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz

Church News

Circle Six Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6 PM



Circle Six’s next meeting is Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Our program is **Kitchen Yoga** presented by Mary-K Kirsch and the congregation is invited to join us. Circle Six

members to bring healthy snacks to share.

"Kitchen" yoga adapts stretches and poses (asanas) from the kitchen counter, table and chairs to incorporate a simple practice into daily routines. Wear comfortable clothes, no mat or previous experience needed!

Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President

Reminder - Recycling Plastic Bags

The Amherst Leo Club, sponsored by the Amherst Lions Club, are recycling plastic bags through the TREX Recycling project. It takes 500 pounds to achieve the goal to receive a recycled bench. Let's help them to reach their goal for another bench! Thank you everyone.



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

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.*



Welcome Chaplain Amanda Nagy!

Amanda will also lead us in worship on Feb. 4th and Feb. 11th. She is an ordained UCC minister and serves as the Chief of Chaplain Service at VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System. She received her undergraduate degree from Elmhurst

University and a Masters of Science in community counseling from Oklahoma State University, before completing her Masters of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary. Chaplain Nagy relocated to Ohio to complete a Clinical Pastoral Education Fellowship at VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System. Once hired on as a Staff Chaplain, Chaplain Nagy has served in a variety of clinical chaplain settings including the residential setting for substance abuse and trauma, marriage and family, and suicide prevention and postvention. She is a Board Certified Chaplain through the National Association of VA Chaplains. When not working Amanda enjoys watching hockey, reading, and exploring new areas with her wife, Kim, and 2 year old son.

Bible Study, 7 PM, Tuesdays on Zoom

The weekly Bible Study will be continuing. Please join us any Tuesday for an interesting discussion on the Bible. Everyone is welcome to participate in the comfort of your home! All the sign in credentials will remain the same.

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)

A Message from your Financial Secretary, Becky Woods

End of Year Statements have been emailed January 11th.
Please contact the church office if you need a printed copy.

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!*



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**



This Week's Events

- Mon., Jan. 29 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., Jan. 30 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., Jan. 31 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., Feb. 1 Compassionate Care Meeting, 10:30 AM, Fireside
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM
YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Sun., Feb. 4 Worship Service, 10 AM, Chaplain Amanda Nagy
Communion Sunday

How To Reach Us

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

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We are currently searching for a new pastor. If you need help, please contact either Christine or Kaye at the phone numbers below.

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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator
admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org 440-988-4965

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Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your estate planning.