

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
582 Church Street
Amherst, Ohio 44001

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM
Wednesday Breeze Chapel: 7:00 PM
Office Hours: Monday-Friday:
8:30 AM-12:30 PM and 1:00-2:30 PM
Afternoons available by appointment.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

FEBRUARY 2023

THE KEY

♥ HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY ♥

LOVE

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the **KEYS** of the Kingdom of Heaven."

— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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When it comes to celebrating Holidays in February, most people think of Valentine's Day, and President's Day. While the later is just another Monday off, as well as a time of retail sales, Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate love, and eat chocolate! But there's another even more important Holiday in February this year, and that is February 22, Ash Wednesday. Generally, Ash Wednesday in our tradition, that is—the Protestant tradition, has never had the same power or importance as our brothers and sisters in the Catholic tradition, but it should.

Ash Wednesday, a day in which we receive the mark of ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads as a symbol of our Penitence—which is the act of showing remorse, sorrow, and regret for our actions. Imagine that -a holiday in which we acknowledge our regret? The importance of saying "I'm sorry," should never be

underestimated. As children we learn the importance of apologizing daily, as teachers and parents told us to — "Tell your sister, brother, other you're sorry!" It's possible, depending on the situation for which you were being asked to apologize, that you weren't sorry at all. "They had it coming!" "I told them not to do that!" Learning to not just say you're sorry, but to be sorry is maturity.

Psychologists and Therapists encourage us to not take responsibility for other's feelings. In other words, your feelings are your own. I'm not responsible for how you're feeling. Academically, I can understand that thought that you are responsible for your own feelings, but there are nuances to consider. For example, if I accidentally step on your toe, and it hurts you, then I'm responsible. If I yell at you, and criticize you, and



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then you feel threatened and upset, then I’m responsible. As a pastor, when I meet with couples about to be married, I instruct the groom to remember how important it is to say I’m sorry. In fact, I tell them if they want to have a happy marriage to tell their wives, “I’m sorry, honey, I’m an idiot!” I say it for the humor, but there is significant truth in the practice of acknowledging a wrong, even if unintended.

As human beings we all make mistakes. The practice of being penitent, to be sorry for our mistakes, with the hope of making things right, is an important part of practicing our faith. We accept Jesus as our savior and our sins are forgiven, but we still need to take responsibility for our actions if we want to live in a more loving and healthy community. With that in mind, I hope and pray that you will consider joining us for our **Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm, on February 22nd.** We will receive the mark of the ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads and hear the word’s, “Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust, from the dust we were born, and to the dust we will return.”

There are a lot of fun holidays during a year, but Ash Wednesday, while not fun, is of vital importance. On February 14th, Valentine’s Day, we say “I love you!” But, on Ash Wednesday, we say, “I love you, and I’m sorry.” **Ash Wednesday also begins the season of Lent**, which is a time for reflection and thought about our actions and our desire to be more like Jesus. Lent, which is simply an Old English word for spring, is a period of growth, although, like our spring season, the growth will not be witnessed until the glory of Easter—for the growth occurs in the dust from which new life will flow. Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust! New Life is coming.



REMEMBER, YOU ARE LOVED!

Rev. Chris Luckhart-Joyner
Pastor Chris



ATTENTION CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: We will be having a “Retreat” here at the church on February 18th, from 9 AM-12 PM in the Fellowship Hall. I look forward to seeing everyone. Thank you for your faithfulness.

February Sermon Scriptures on page 4:

2/5- Matthew 5:13-20 2/12-Matthew 5:21-37 2/19-Matthew 17:1-9 2/26-Matthew 4:1-11





FEBRUARY SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

2/5 Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

2/12 Matthew 5:21-37

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

2/19 Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

2/22 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Ash Wednesday

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

2/26 Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live

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Spiritual Life Team, Love in Action



Love. Grow. Serve.

Every Monday afternoon starting at 1 PM, the Spiritual Life Team, consisting of Pastor Chris, Judy McCurdy, and Pam Miskov, head out to visit our homebound members. They decide who's next on the list to visit and plan their day accordingly. The visits are such a blessing to our members who no longer can attend church. The team share communion, scripture, and offer prayers. Both giver and receiver are blessed immensely in their heart and soul. The photos were taken so that all of you can be united by pictures, and we hope this may cause a spark to light in your heart, to say a prayer for them, or to pick up the phone and also bless their day by saying hello, and letting them know how much they are missed.

Sincerely, The Spiritual Life Team

Top row: Linda Brown Bottom from left to right: James Cooksey, Roger Becker

"... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me..."

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

...2/26 Matthew 4:1-11 continued from page 4.

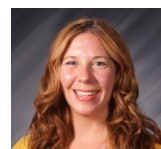
by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



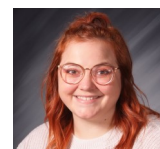
Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

FEBRUARY

The best possible introduction for children to the world of learning.

Our goal is to encourage and instill in children a joy of learning, and a love for God and his creation.

It's hard to believe that we are in the month of February. The children will continue to learn the letters Ii, Dd, Vv, Xx and Ll. They will also work on the numbers 4, 5 and the heart shape for Valentine's Day.

Hop-For-Your-Heart is February 6 and February 7. We are excited to see how many hops everyone can do.



We will be hosting Donuts with your favorite Dude on February 9 & 10.

The children will sing a few songs for their guest and everyone gets to eat a yummy donut.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a fun party and movie. The children will also be passing out Valentines to all their friends in school.

Now is the time to register your child if you are thinking about preschool for next year. To schedule an observation or to ask questions, please call the preschool at 985-1972. You can also e-mail us at preschl@stpetersamherst.org. You can also catch the link to our e-mail address on the preschool web page. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Wendy Kosakowski
Preschool Director

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION

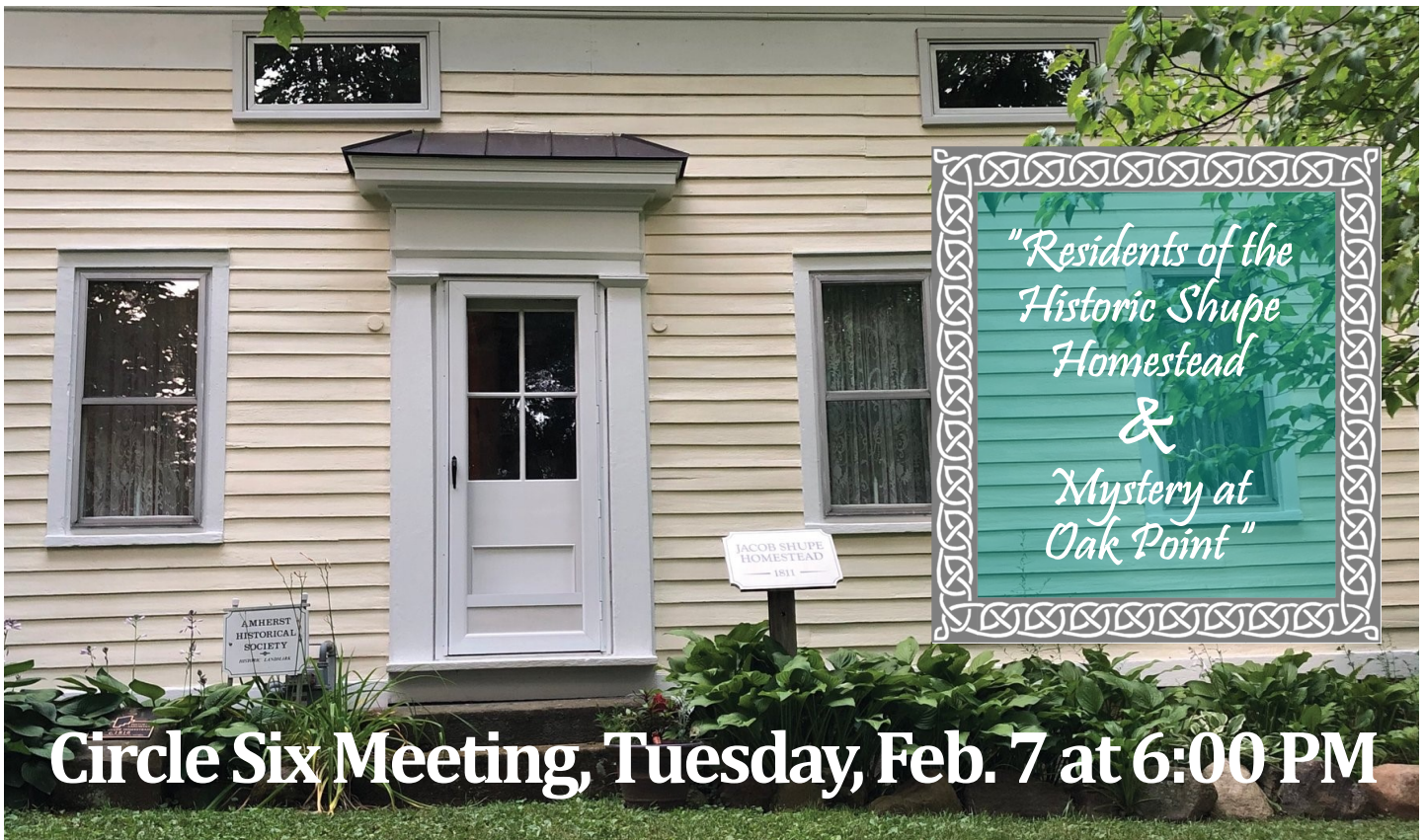
Thank you to our veterans for their service! We were happy and honored to award you these quilts for your service! ...**Kaye Koler and Teri Walter** (on behalf of Lorain County Piecemakers Quilt Guild)



A special thank you and acknowledgment to our Compassionate Care team! The group continues to go above and beyond their call for our members here at St. Peter's!! God has blessed us with each and every one of them! ...*Kaye Koler*



Left to Right: Teri Walter, Kaye Koler, Dick McCurdy, Joanne Janis, Fred Helyes, Dave Rice, Tom Hollstein



Circle Six Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6:00 PM

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Fellowship Hall. The program will be *"Residents of the Historic Shupe Homestead & the Mystery at Oak Point"*, presented by Matt Nahorn of the Amherst Historical Society. Members may **invite guests** and the program is **open to the congregation**. Members will hold a brief meeting at 6:00 PM (do not bring your meal—each member is requested to bring at least 1 dozen cookies). At 6:30 PM we will set up for the speaker, cookies, coffee and fellowship. The program will begin at 7:00 PM.



YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Our Wednesday morning, and Thursday evening class will meet in the lower level of St. Peter's Church. Please arrive by 8:25 a.m. for the morning class, and by 5:55 p.m. for the evening class. Enter through the door by the Chapel.

"YOGA with Mary-K" is for anyone who needs lengthening, stretching and loosening as we target the fascia, connective tissue and joints to develop strength and restore flexibility. Bring your own mat, a water bottle and wear comfortable clothes.

Mary-K is a RN/BSN, with over 12 years of yoga teaching experience, and 30 years of personal practice.

Cost is \$10 per class.

Physical benefits of Yoga

- increased flexibility
- increased muscle strength and tone
- improved respiration, energy and vitality
- maintaining a balanced metabolism
- weight reduction
- cardio and circulatory health
- Improved athletic performance
- protection from injury

Jan. 16
2023
MEETING

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

ATTENDEES:

"When a leader in the Church inspires council members with vision, he helps them focus on their real mission so that they are ministering to people rather than merely administering programs." – M. Russell Ballard

President: Christine Burman	X	Pastor: Chris Buckingham-Taylor	X	
Vice President: Judy McCurdy	X	Trustee: Jim Kubuske	E	
Secretary: Tom Hollstein	X	Congregational Rep.: Susan Conkle	X	X = present
Treasurer: Lauri Hubach	X	Congregational Rep: Stacy Gleason	X	E = excused
Assistant Treasurer: Sally Readinger	X	Congregational Rep: Kaye Koler	X	A = absent
Financial Secretary: Rebecca Woods	X	Congregational Rep: Don Ramsey	X	
Past President Moderator: Mary-K Kirsch	X	Congregational Rep: Joan Whitman	X	

Visitors: Lynn Hollstein, Linda & Geoff Gatz, Sharon & Gary Thompson. **Meeting Opened:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Christine Burman and began with a prayer from Pastor Chris. Next, President Burman stressed the importance of accountability: the acceptance and responsibility for ethical conduct toward others. Also, council will adhere to the By Laws of the church. If there is a question, we will turn to the By Laws for direction.

Treasurer's Report

Pass Through payments needing approval:

Payable To Veterans of the Cross	\$95.00
Organist	\$25.00
OCWM	\$105.00
	\$225.00*

*Note: Pass-through items are donations received that we forward to the appropriate mission.

Bills needing approval: NONE

2022 income was up compared to last year, and expenses were down. We still had a year-end deficit of \$71,743 but it was improved from last year's deficit of \$112,000.

Total income for the year was \$169,808.

Total expenses for the year were \$241,552.

The full Treasurer's Report is on file and available in the church office.

MOTION TO APPROVE PASS THROUGH WAS MADE AND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Trustee Report: Trustees Minutes 1/12/23

In attendance: Jim Kubuske, Don Krucek, Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor, Christine Burman

Outside wreath went up in November, and was taken down in January.

The 4th Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor was held in January.

Trustees' year-end report was completed and handed in on January 11, 2023.

Rumpke picked up their garbage bins. There is no more recycling. Discussion was raised about whether to lock the bin or not. It was decided to not lock it. Pastor will unlock it and store the lock in the office.

Light over the front of the parking lot is out. It needs to be looked into.

Preschool grant:

- ◆ The plans need to be filed with the city.
- ◆ Most of the work will be done when school is not in session. Purchases need to be made and receipts submitted in May.
- ◆ Bids will be placed on file for: electrical work, plumbing, and painting.

Preschool Grant: Building repair portion will be overseen by church council. They will obtain bids and ensure that we are in compliance with Amherst City rules and with the specifics of the grant. One bid has been obtained. Second and third bids are anticipated within a week. The city will require registered contractors, an electrician will be required to install GFI units for the touchless faucets, a plumber is recommended because of unforeseen problems due to the age of the building. Some of the work will have to be done while school is in session because of the grant schedule. Emergency council sessions and/or executive sessions will probably be needed to expedite the overall process. Some of the specific funds might need to be

redirected if additional work is found to be required. The grant requires work to be completed by June 30, and final reports filed by July 31.

Pastor's Report

Council retreat is scheduled for Feb. 18, 9-Noon, Fellowship Hall. Some topics will be on council's recognized issues, finding mental health relief from the stress of recent times, finding common ground, and adapting to changing times. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 22. Pastor may base theme for Lent on finding common ground.

Financial Secretary's Report

Cash offerings for the month of December 2022 were \$20,371. Christmas Eve offerings were \$5,031. Cash offerings for the total year of 2022 were \$222,285.

Spiritual Life Report

Joan Whitman reported no meeting for January due to her illness. The excellent crew continued the work in spite of her absence. No report for this month, but will have one for next month. Ongoing work includes cards and visitations and blankets to shut-ins, 24 blankets to cancer center patients. Pam Miskov was recognized and thanked for her numerous continuing acts of kindness in support of both Compassionate Care and Spiritual Life.

Altar Guild Report

Thanks to Geoff Gatz for locating, and Christine Burman for obtaining a new Christmas tree, which will be much easier to handle compared to the old tree. Altar Guild will pay for it from their budget. They will try to find a home for the two remaining trees. Sue Conkle commented that Amherst Historical Society is seeking used Christmas decorations, and so they might be interested. Finally, Altar Guild will coordinate Easter plans with Pastor Chris.

Circle Six Report

They are hosting a presentation March 15 on the Shroud of Turin. It will be held in the church sanctuary and is open to the public, donations encouraged.

Tech Report

Two major technical problems affected our Zoom broadcast recently: in one instance we lost contact with Zoom due to a situation originating with Spectrum; the other instance involved an update by Zoom which caused a temporary loss in the broadcast of music before we became aware of it. Both problems have now been resolved.

Mary-K edits each broadcast and re-posts them again on Facebook and YouTube. This allows us to monitor the number of viewers for each broadcast. For the month of December there were 104 views of our combined broadcasts. The Christmas Eve broadcast had 43 viewers (pre-recorded, no live service).

A new activity is "A Minute with Pastor Chris", where Mary-K takes one minute of clips from his sermon and posts the video on St. Peter's Facebook page, on YouTube, and on her own personal Facebook page. This creates more positive exposure for our church. The results will be multiplied if we all view these videos and share them, thus exposing more people.

Zoom broadcast problems are frequently aggravated due to the physical separation between the video portion of the broadcast (upstairs in balcony) and the audio portion (downstairs main floor) because communication between the two is difficult. Ideally, both audio and video should be located together, which may or may not be practical in our sanctuary. The situation will be studied.

Garden Club

They are currently "in hibernation" for the winter. Activities will resume in the spring.

Old Business

Church council is studying the grant and the building improvements.

New Business

The recently refurbished piano looks beautiful again, thanks to Geoff & Linda Gatz and Brian Schieferstein. We wish to keep it that way as much as possible. Jennifer Wasilk, a frequent user of the piano, will work with Kaye Koler and Terri Walter to investigate the possibilities and recommend a cover that will protect it without discouraging its use.

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED.

Pastor Chris gave the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted January 17, 2023,

Tom Hollstein, Council Secretary



FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Feb. 1 Confirmation 6-7 PM
- Feb. 2 Compassionate Care 10:30 AM
- Feb. 5 Communion Sunday
- Feb. 7 Circle Six Meeting 6 PM
- Feb. 9 Men's Breakfast at Quarry Cafe
- Feb. 8 Confirmation 6-7 PM
- Feb. 11 Pastor UCC Workshop, Stow 9-12
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 Clergy Lunch Meeting 11:30 AM
Confirmation Class 6-7 PM
- Feb. 18 Council Retreat 9-12 Fellowship Hall
- Feb. 20 Council Meeting Zoom 7 PM
- Feb. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY 7 PM**

Spiritual Life Team is taking a break in the winter months of Jan. & Feb.

Bible Study: 7 PM, Tuesdays, Zoom

Breeze Chapel: 7-7:30 PM, Wednesdays

Handbell Choir: 7:15 PM, Thursdays

Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris
Sandstone Coffee House
Every Wednesday 9-11:00 a.m.

YOGA with Mary-K, St. Peter's lower level
Wed. 8:30-9:45 AM & Thurs. 6:00-7:15 PM
Handbell Choir Thursdays 7:15 PM



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thurs., Feb. 9, 9:30 AM
Quarry Café

All men are invited to join us for our Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Quarry Café in Amherst. This will include breakfast, prayer and a short devotional. We are looking forward to where this ministry will lead us in faith. *Contact Pastor Chris for more information.*



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

"Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift"!

- Patricia Stumpp February 01
- Sarah Fleeman February 03
- Jennifer Wasilk..... February 05
- Donald Krueck..... February 09
- May Poor Laule February 09
- Jessica Braid..... February 13
- Tamara James..... February 13
- Richard Berry February 15
- William Guild..... February 15
- Matthew Wasilk..... February 15
- Joyce Darakis..... February 16
- Gloria Versace..... February 18
- Linda Brown..... February 20
- William Makay..... February 20
- Joanne Janas February 21
- Richard McCurdy February 22
- Nicole Schieferstein February 22
- Darlene Krieg February 24
- Peggy Raesler February 24
- Beverly McGinnis February 25
- Lynn Hollstein February 26
- David Rice..... February 27

Looking Ahead ... Kobiakov Family Update



We just had to share another picture of the Christmas tree we got the Kobiakovs, all decorated with the ornaments everyone gave them. The table has milk and cookies for Santa. Thanks again to those that purchased the tree, and those that gave ornaments and more!

Looking forward in 2023, Anton is waiting on his papers that will allow him to work; Nataliia is planning on becoming a full-time student at LCCC; Hlib's desire is to take classes at LCCC and work; Lev, our soccer player, is working hard to master his 7th grade classwork and is enjoying his friends; and Kuzma loves preschool and is enjoying everyone spoiling him.

Let us continue to pray for the Kobiakovs and also for Ukraine.

Compassionate Care Meeting Feb. 2 at 10:30 AM

Joan Whitman, Team Leader | 440-320-8923 | rwhitman1@oh.rr.com

We meet the 1st Thursday of the month in the Fireside Room at 10:30 AM. Joan Whitman is the Team Leader. If you have any questions regarding Compassionate Care, or would like to join our group please contact Joan. We would love to have you join us as we minister those in our church that need care.

Are you in need of Prayer?

Call Joan Whitman, contact person for the Prayer Team.

Please call Joan if you would like to be added or removed from **THE KEY** prayer list shown below. Also, if you want to keep your prayer request confidential, we can also add your name for our Prayer Team.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Karin Andy	Jean Marsh	Sherry Spratt
Judy Baker	Tom McKinley	Mary Ann Sterna
Lois Barnes	Bev Mischka	Don Swift
Roger Becker	Glenn Miskov	Jean Swift
Richard Berry	Audrey Montgomery	Elaine Thompson
Joyce Darakis	Darlene Mudrich	Edgar Vargas
Tudy Diaz	Carol Murphy	Gloria Versace
Valentino Dziak	May Poor	Sue Smith
Don Flock	Serita Reyes	Sharon
Ruth Kossow	Janet Siron	



St. Peter's UCC

FOOD
pantry

In January,
we collected
145
food items!

Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry is still collecting for the **Weekend Children's Backpack Program**. We cannot let any child go hungry if it's in our power. To the right are some suggestions that would be very helpful with this great need.

We will also still collect '**regular food items**' for families in addition to the Backpack Program. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. **A big THANK YOU to Al Murphy** for counting, loading, and delivering the food item so to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank, in Pam Miskov's absence.

Thank you to everyone who continually donates on behalf of St. Peter's!

**THE WORST ENEMY
OF HUNGER IS APATHY.**

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



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8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.
*Afternoons available by appointment
with Pastor Chris.*



Chris Buckingham-Taylor, Pastor
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Kaye Oswald, Office Administrator
(440) 988-4965
admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. | **Sunday School:** 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Breeze Chapel Service: 7:00 p.m.

Please visit our website, www.stpetersamherst.org to make your donation electronically via Breeze or PayPal. **Also, we now have the ability to accept donations by TEXT!** If you would like more detailed information, please contact the church office.

Executive Council

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