

**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.

*We take this moment to wish everyone a Happy Easter!*

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

**EASTER, APRIL 9**

**APRIL 2023**

## THE KEY

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— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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*Pastoral Ponderings*

From the desk of  
PASTOR CHRIS

# RISEN!

## DEATH WHERE IS YOUR STING?

**D**o you have a hobby? Is there something that you look forward to that gives you pleasure and joy? Some people play golf, go for walks, camp, bike, bake, sew, crochet, knit, play cards, bingo, or collect cars or other items of interest. I personally like to go kayaking, or take my dogs for a good walk. We all need something to do that gives us joy, otherwise we just sort of fade away. In the James Bond movie, *Skyfall*, James is being held captive by the bad guy named Silva (played by Javier Bardem) who asks James Bond if he has a hobby? James, (played by Daniel Craig) who is bound to a chair, responds- "Resurrection!" "Resurrection" is a great hobby, not just for James Bond, who always seems to find a way to live when it seems hopeless, but for all of us as well. We are

resurrection people! We are an Easter people!

No doubt, Covid 19 took its toll on all of us.

"After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

MATTHEW 28:1-6 NRSV

Restaurants and other local businesses were financially devastated by Covid, and many throughout the world closed as a result. Churches were also hit hard by Covid, and like our own St. Peter's UCC, are struggling to find their way back. Some churches, who were struggling before Covid, have faced closure, or have had to drastically rearrange their budgets and plans for their future. It seems that we all should take up the hobby of Resurrection.

Before the pandemic hit, St. Peter's was already struggling, but was able to find a way through the obstacles of home con-



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finement using technology like Zoom and Facebook, and practice resurrection. I think that we are in a time of resurrection. We may still be in the tomb, but we are rising from the past and the stone, (the heavy burdens, and barriers to our experience of the light of day,) are moving. I sense optimism and hope for our future. I can see the light of Christ shining on and through us.

**Now is the time for us to practice Resurrection!** We may all have different hobbies, but Resurrection is something that we can all do together. When we step outside of the tomb, we enter a beautiful garden filled with

possibilities. That’s what I want us to see— imagine all of the possibilities that are before us as members of St. Peter’s UCC?

It’s time for us to start enjoying our time together and to practice Resurrection as we fellowship and find new ways to celebrate life. We are an Easter people! We are people of the Resurrection!

**HAPPY EASTER! LET US RISE!**

*Remember, you are loved!*

**Pastor Chris**

**April Sermon Scriptures:** 4/2 Palm Sunday—Matthew 21:1-11 4/6 Maundy Thursday—John 13:1-17, 31-35  
4/9 Easter Sunday—John 20:1-18 4/16—John 20:19-31 4/23—Luke 24:13-35 4/30—John 10:1-10



**4/2 Matthew 21:1-11**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**4/6 John 13:1-17, 31-35**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.” After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an



# APRIL SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

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example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## 4/9 John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## 4/16 John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any,

they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

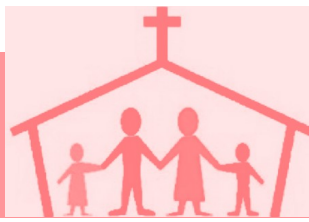
A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## 4/23 Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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# Get to Know Your NEIGHBOR



KAYE KOLER, 2023

While many of our longtime members know one another, our newer members do not. We hope this new article will bring us closer together as we serve God as one family.

**Hello, my name is Kaye Koler**, and I have been a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ for the past 6 years. I was baptized and confirmed at this church! Something that I especially liked in confirmation class (and attending) was that I felt so much at home here. The best thing I like about St. Peter's are definitely the people! I have enjoyed making new friends and reacquainting myself with old friends.

One of my best memories I have was a Christmas Eve service with a childhood friend, and having the honor to sit in the balcony section. The view was incredible!

When asked how I live out my faith, I would say that everyone has hard times, and I'd like to be able to help others when they are experiencing a loss or going through difficult times.

When asked about a time when I felt especially proud of some members or leaders of our congregation, I'd have to mention Mary-K Kirsch. She took on the role as President of Church Council without having any experience leading in this capacity, and did an outstanding job. I also need to mention Geoff and Linda Gatz in taking on the lead for hosting our Ukrainian family, the

Koviakovs. The care to the family from arranging the cleaning and preparing of the parsonage, to grant writing and close liaison for the family has been incredible.

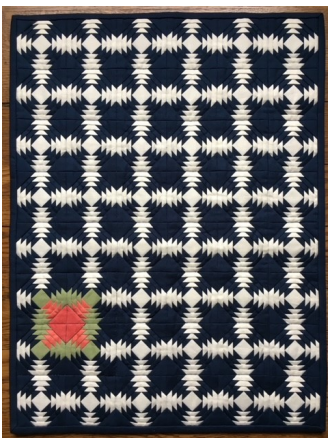
My husband and I have 2 children, Joshua deceased, and Jennifer, who makes my heart full with her big hearted nature.

I was born in Memphis, Tennessee and moved to Amherst when I was 2 months old. My profession is Quilting/Quilt Instructor. I teach beginners through intermediate at various workshops and used to teach/travel with the Sewing Expo. My hobbies include drawing, and watercolor painting.

My vision for St. Peter's is to be a bigger part of our community and our mission in general, should be "Caring for Others".

When asked to complete this sentence: "God is calling this congregation to be....?" My answer is: **helpful, compassionate, and faithful to our community.**

## A small sampling of Kaye's masterpiece quilts!



Front and back  
Kingsize quilt.



Award-winning mini quilt, approx. 11x11 inches, 172 different fabrics, and 1,344 pieces.



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4/30 John 10:1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they

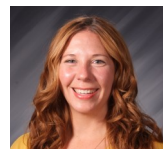
will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.



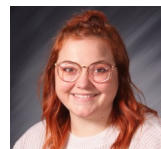
Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobyłka



Ms. Stempowski

# APRIL

*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.

THE PRESCHOOL WILL BE ON SPRING BREAK STARTING ON APRIL 3RD THROUGH APRIL 10.

**I**t is hard to believe that April is here! With break over, everyone is looking forward to getting back to school. This month the children will be working on the letters Rr, Nn, Yy, and yellow. They will also work on

the number 9 and rhyming. The teachers will also be holding conferences this month.

There are a few openings available in the Tuesday-Thursday afternoon classes. If interested,

please call the preschool at **440-985-1972**.

*God Bless,*

Wendy Kosakowski  
Preschool Director



He has been raised.  
—Mark 16:6

## Easter Lilies *Thank you!*

Thanks to everyone who purchased Easter Lilies to adorn the Altar, and to those who donated theirs to Compassionate Care members!

**THE SALVATION ARMY**

## Resource Fair

**April 16, Noon-4PM**  
*Sponsored by Amherst Salvation Army*

The Fair will be held at Main Street Co. and is free to the public. Tables are available for rent at the cost of \$10.00. Please contact Don Ramsey at (440) 988-9049, or (440) 315-4911 if you're interested in renting a table.

Thank you!

**One Great  
HOUR  
OF SHARING**

## Thank You For Donating to One Great Hour of Sharing!

Your support enables us to respond to a variety of global and local concerns by addressing advocacy, sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, migration, and disasters.

St. Peter's   
**Craft Club**

TUESDAY | APRIL 25 | 6:30 PM

*Join us!*

Craft Club will meet on Tuesday, April 25, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Fireside room. Bring your current (or old) craft project to work on and to have some fun fellowship with other crafters! All are welcome. We had 4 people at our last meeting, and look forward to more joining us. *Can't wait to see you!*

## CIRCLE SIX MEETING

TUESDAY | APRIL 4 | 6:00 PM

### *Anniversary Dinner!*

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 PM at **Cole's Public House** for our Anniversary Dinner. Each member is responsible for their own meal. Pastor Chris will provide the entertainment.



## 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

# 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	E	Congregational Rep.: Susan Conkle	X
Secretary: Tom Hollstein	X	Congregational Rep: Stacy Gleason	X
Treasurer: Lauri Hubach	X	Congregational Rep: Kaye Koler	X
Assistant Treasurer: Sally Readinger	X	Congregational Rep: Don Ramsey	X
Financial Secretary: Rebecca Woods	X	Congregational Rep: Joan Whitman	X
Past President Moderator: Mary-K Kirsch	X	Preschool: Wendy Kosakowski	X

X = present  
E = excused  
A = absent

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Christine Burman and began with a prayer from Pastor Chris. **Visitors:** Lynn Hollstein

## Secretary's Report

The February meeting minutes were sent out a few days after the February meeting, and were approved on line by council members. For the record, the minutes were approved again at this meeting.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED.**

## Preschool Report

- Current registration numbers are good, typical for this time of year.
- Conferences are coming up.
- The Leprechaun Trip was well received.
- The Mothers' Tea will be held in May.
- Preschool will purchase a cotton candy machine for their picnic instead of hiring a vendor. There will be a significant cost saving and the machine can be used for other future church activities.
- The Preschool picnic will be Thursday and Friday before Memorial Day.
- Preschool is in search of a substitute teacher to replace two that have resigned.

## Treasurer's Report

Detailed report not available.

Update on the new prospective treasurer, Michelle Pullin: She will be available after tax season. Laurie Hubach will stay on until then and participate with the transition. Michelle currently works with several other churches, so should be familiar with our needs.

Financial secretary is not allowed to assume the treasurer's duties due to necessary separation of the two functions.

Question was raised as to whether church members had been considered for treasurer. Answer, yes, several members with the proper experience have been approached and have declined.

## Financial Secretary's Report

**Major Incoming Funds for February**  
(Rounded to nearest dollar)

Regular Offerings:	\$10,024
Improvement Fund:	\$567
<u>Ash Wednesday:</u>	<u>\$610</u>
<b>February Total:</b>	<b>\$11,463</b>

**Question:** Should there be a backup person to sign checks? Not practical or necessary, because the checks are computer-generated through QuickBooks.

## Pastor's Report

Pastor Chris expressed his thanks for the new robe.

The organ is currently down due to unknown electrical problems. The search is currently on to find an available repair company.

Holy Week is coming soon and preparations are underway. Maundy Thursday service is at 7:00 PM. Nothing is scheduled yet for Good Friday. Easter is one service at normal time, 10:00 AM.

There will be a Mens' Fellowship breakfast on the 13th at Quarry Café.

Regarding the floor mats, we are still under contract with Cintas, but we have cut back on the number of mats for a cost saving.

Should we sponsor a little league baseball team as we did last year for \$300? It is good publicity for our



church, as long as we are clearly differentiated from the St. Peters in Lorain. Could their schedule be known so that we might attend the games? It would be a good opportunity to create a St. Peter's t-shirt.

**MOTION: TO SPONSOR A LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM.  
MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND MOTION PASSED.**

Comments were made about how enjoyable it was to hear the Pastor's duet with the piano, and that in the future more use should be made of the piano.

### **Compassionate Care**

Easter bags will be assembled for shut-ins at their next meeting. Question was asked about adding hand rails to facilitate access to the raised area of the altar and the lecturn. Geoff Gatz will be asked for advice and help on the matter.

### **Altar Guild**

Lilies have been ordered for Easter. Nancie Murello will supply the calla lilies again this year. Communion will be served on Maundy Thursday and on Easter Sunday.

### **Ushers:**

All is going well. No problems have been experienced.

### **Tech Report**

- In February on Zoom we had 26+ participants and on Facebook we had 23, and for Pastor Chris' spots we had 30.
- Reminder was given to watch for updates to your own Zoom program and install them.
- Brian Schieferstein recently installed a new server at a personal cost of \$500, and also updated our Microsoft license at a cost of \$300. It was agreed that he should be compensated.
- In the future a new video camera that is better suited to Zoom requirements needs to be acquired.
- Discussion ensued about redirecting money from unused funds. This matter will be discussed with the Treasurer in the near future.

### **Garden Team**

Waiting for the weather to break. We hope to begin work parties in mid-April.

### **President's Report** (Christine Burman)

- All is going smoothly.
- Working on contracts for all employees.
- Planning pot luck luncheon for last Sunday in April.
- Will begin push in May for donations to rebuild the Future Fund.
- Announced donation of \$25 with challenge to council members to set a good example by matching it.

### **Old Business:**

- The grant project is moving along well.
- Special thanks to Geoff and Linda Gatz for their extraordinary involvement with numerous projects.
- We have cut back on the number of rugs supplied by Cintas, and we will purchase several others of our own to cut costs.
- Five contractors have been asked to bid on the sandstone repairs, but only one has replied so far. After discussion it was decided to table this until next month and hopefully receive more bids. Some suggestions for additional contractors were fireplace repair specialists, and also possibly contacts at the bricklayers' training center.
- It was pointed out that the salt spreaders need to be more careful, and they will be so advised.

### **New Business:**

- The walls in Fellowship Hall are in need of repair or replacement.
- The need to compensate Brian for the server he purchased was discussed and ways to accomplish that will be explored.
- A ring dated 1931 has been found at the parsonage, and attempts to determine its owner have been futile. A jeweler has estimated its value at \$45-50. It will be sold and the money donated to the church.
- Proposal for a summer rummage sale was made. Sue Conkle will head it up if others will help. Must make sure the grant work is complete before the sale can occur.
- Amherst Salvation Army will collaborate with Amherst Main Street to hold an information fair at Mainstreet headquarters. Tables are available at \$10 each. Date is April 16th.
- Question was raised as to what is the dollar amount in the Future Fund. The Treasurer will be consulted and answer given by next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION MADE,  
SECONDED, AND MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting ended at 8:17 with a prayer by Pastor Chris.

***Respectfully submitted, March 23, 2023***

Tom Hollstein, Council Secretary

# 10 BIBLE VERSES EVERYONE SHOULD MEMORIZE

1. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

2. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time. 2 Timothy 1:9

3. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

4. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4:8

5. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

6. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalms 139:14

7. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Proverbs 3:15

8. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12

9. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

10. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33



## APRIL EVENTS

- April 2 Palm Sunday/Communion
- April 3-10 Preschool Spring Break
- April 4 Circle Six Meeting 6 PM
- April 5 No Breeze Service
- April 6 Compassionate Care 10:30 AM
- April 7 Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM
- April 8 Good Friday (office closed)
- April 9 EASTER SUNDAY
- April 10 Pastor Chris is off
- April 13 Men's Breakfast at Quarry Café 9:30
- April 16 Resource Fair, noon-4 PM
- April 17 Council Meeting Zoom 7 PM
- April 19 Clergy Mtg., Fireside 11:30 AM
- April 25 Craft Club 6:-8:30 PM Fireside

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., April 13, 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.*

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*"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. It is better be alone than in bad company. "*

- George Washington



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

"Thanks be to God for his  
inexpressible gift"!

- Pamela Beiswenger .....April 01
- Kaye Koler .....April 02
- Swen Nielsen .....April 04
- Sharon Thompson .....April 06
- Matthew Torres .....April 12
- Michael Harmych .....April 14
- Al Murphy .....April 15
- Neil Wasilk .....April 18
- Margaret Wiegand .....April 19
- Bonny McQuaid .....April 21
- Debra Brown .....April 24
- Marcia Ramsey .....April 25
- Joan Whitman .....April 27
- Kody Beiswenger .....April 29
- Terrence Clark .....April 30



St. Peter's UCC  
**FOOD**  
pantry

In February,  
we collected  
**109**  
food items!

We are still collecting for the Weekend Children's Backpack Program and below are some suggestions that would be helpful with this great need. Also, you can still donate 'regular food items' in addition to the Backpack Program. Many families are in need.

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. The last few months Al Murphy came to count, load, and deliver the food to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank in Pam Miskov's absence. **THANK YOU AL!**

We greatly appreciate your donations, along with Good Shepherd and those receiving food items. Thank you to everyone who donates!

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

## Compassionate Care Meeting April 6 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 to 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

Judy Baker

Lois Barnes

Roger Becker

Richard Berry

Joyce Darakis

Tudy Diaz

Valentino Dziak

Don Flock

Jean Marsh

Tom McKinley

Bev Mischka

Glenn Miskov

Audrey Montgomery

Darlene Mudrich

Carol Murphy

Serita Reyes

Janet Siron

Sherry Spratt

Mary Ann Sterna

Don Swift

Jean Swift

Elaine Thompson

Edgar Vargas

Gloria Versace

Sue Smith

Sharon

Rich Orseno

June & Carl Nau

Family of

Jean Snyder



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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday  
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**  
(920) 650-0761  
pastor@stpetersamherst.org



**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](http://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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## St. Peter's Preschool

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Wendy Kosakowski, Administrator & Teacher	(440) 985-1972	preschl@stpetersamherst.org
Heather Nail, Teacher & Assistant Administrator		
Kerri Kobyłka, Teacher		
Taylor Stempowski, Teacher's Aide		

## Website and Social Media Addresses

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