

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.

*"This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere." —Matthie D. Babcock*

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Pastoral Ponderings

From the desk of
PASTOR CHRIS

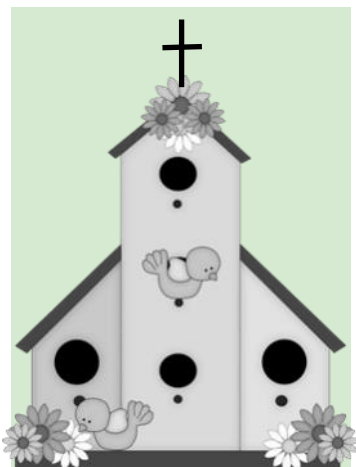
“ARE YOU MY MOTHER?”



One of my favorite books as a child was read to me by my mother over and over again—“*Are You My Mother?*” written by P.D. Eastman and published in 1960—just a couple of years before me. Do you remember it? The story is about a little egg that is left in its nest alone while its mother goes off in search of food. While left alone, the egg hatches and the little hatchling goes in search of its mother. The little bird first encounters a kitten and asks if it’s their mother, but the kitten doesn’t understand a word the bird said. The little bird next meets a hen, but she is clearly not the fledgling’s mother. Next up, a dog, followed by a cow, a car and then a boat. It’s quite an adventure, until the little bird finds a steam shovel. That’s when I always got scared. The little bird says to the steam shovel, “Mother, Mother! Here I am, Mother!” To which the steam shovel responds- “Snort!” Excited, and frightened, the little bird declares- “You are not my mother!” But then a moment of beautiful grace enters the story as the steam shovel places the little bird back in its nest, where the bird is finally reunited with its loving mother. My mother was always so animated in reading stories to me, but her voice, even though she passed away in 2019, is still in my mind and heart. Finding our mother, and father, and knowing whose we are is a natural part of our existence.



“ST. PETER’S IS A PLACE OF REFUGE, AND SAFETY AS WELL
A HOME FOR ALL WHO SEEK GOD.”



As a church, we too are in search of our parent. Our mother/father God is the presence we search for in and out of the nest. Many people are still searching for God, and like our story of the little bird, they ask anything or anyone they encounter if they are god? The number of little birdies that

are wandering our earth in search of a loving God is growing exponentially. As a church, we must be like the steam shovel and- even though they may be frightened of us and our “snort” like traditions, we are the ones who know that they need to be back in their nest with God.

St. Peter’s mission, therefore, **is to help shepherd people back home with God.** I never imagined as a little boy while my mother read me the story of the little, lost bird, that I might grow up to be a pastor trying to help the little bird find its way home. St. Peter’s is a place of refuge, and safety as well a home for all who seek God.

In the end of the story of the little, lost bird, the steam shovel is the hero, not the villain. We need to be heroic in our response to those in our community who are looking for God. We need to let people know that St. Peter’s is a **safe nest** in which to find the nourishment and love of God. May we be bold and loving as we reach out to all who search for love, acceptance, and a place to call home.

“Are you my mother?” “NO, but we are your brothers and sisters in Christ. And we can bring you home to God.”

Remember, you are loved!

Rev. Chris Luckhart-Taylor

Pastor Chris

Circle Six Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 5 | 6 PM

*Beaver Creek
Reservation*



Circle Six will hold it’s next meeting and picnic on Tuesday, Sept.5 at 6 PM at Beaver Creek Reservation.

Bring a dish to share and bring a guest. There will be no program – just good food, conversation and fun!

Thank you,
Sally Readinger, President

LET’S END HUNGER!

Mark your Calendar for this year’s Crop Hunger Walk!
Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023 at 2 PM

More information to come.



AUGUST SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

8/6 Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

8/13 Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

8/20 Matthew 15:10-28 (outdoor worship)

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees

took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

8/27 Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 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, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Get to Know Your NEIGHBOR



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.

Allan, my real name, was born in Westport Maryland to parents Harry and Leota (Kight) Murphy at the home of my Mother's niece. Most births at that time, in the area, were not in a hospital but at home. They actually lived on top of a five mile mountain in West Virginia with a single lane road on a farm that belonged to my Mother's family. I was baptized in the Methodist Church just down the road from where my Mother had been the organist since she was 12 years old. This was a little one room church with central heating, being a coal burning heater in the center of the sanctuary, and two little buildings out back. We lived there for only a few years and moved to a farm in Maryland. This was the area where my Father had grown up and had relatives. It was also where he could find employment in the lumber business whether in the woods or on a sawmill. During my teenage years, during the summer, when I could be away from the farm I found employment with the folks in town, about three miles away, mowing lawns *with the power coming from my push*. I also painted a few rooms for the older folks and two summers I was the Ball Boy for the local tennis tournament. The best summer was the year I was 16 and found work clearing a lot of brush where a new house had just been built. This was the year that I bought my first Cushman motor scooter. My sister and family had moved to Lorain a couple of years before I graduated high school and found employment with National Tube, US Steel. Upon graduation she sent me the money for a ticket to Lorain where I was sure to get employment at the steel mill. The first Monday after arriving I went to the mill and was told I was too small. **"Go home and eat more bananas"**! This was the second time in my life that I had been told that I was too small. The first was after first grade when the teacher told my parents that I had actually been in Junior Primary. Whatever that was. Of course, I was not too small when the draft came four years after graduation for the Army.

I did find employment in the Hardware Dept. of Sears, Roebuck in downtown Lorain. After a short time I was asked to take over manager of the Electrical Department. Now you must remember, I grew up in a house without electricity until I was about 15 years old. I managed that department and later the toys at Christmas time, the housewares and later the Catalog Department. The store closed the year after the Midway Mall opened and some of us ended up without a job. I found employment in sales with Standard Welding in Lorain, a heavy equipment repair shop, where I spent nearly 25 years selling vehicle suspension parts. I was known **as the spring guy**. It was during this time that I purchased a Lambretta motor scooter that led me to join the Vintage Motor Scooter Club and the Cushman Club of America. After finding five other scooter owners we formed the Lorain County Vintage Motor Scooter Club. I served as President for 19 years, and now just enjoy riding.

As you can imagine my church experience started very young with my Mother being the organist. After moving to Maryland we began going to the United Brethren Church in Loch Lynn, where my Dad had gone as a child. During one of the annual fall revival I accepted Christ as my Savior in 1951. I served as Sunday School Secretary and was also President of the Youth Fellowship.

After arriving in Ohio I attended the church that my sister attended, but never quite fit in. After about a year, I began looking for a church that I was familiar with. I began attending the First Evangelical United Brethren Church on Reid Ave. There I met several fellows including one who later became the Father to Wendy Kosakowski. There were also several girls among them **including Carol Coffland**.

During my 45 year membership I served as Board Chairman for probably 20 years, served on the Boy Scout Committee and Usher.

I am the Carol that Allan was talking about.

My life began at St. Joseph's Hospital Lorain as the only child of Leon and Margaret (Smith) Coffland. We lived with my Aunt Kate until I was about five years old, and attend Sunday School with her. Then we moved to Sheffield Twp. After only attending Clearview Schools, on graduation day, I was called to the Superintendent's office where I was told that I had been hired to be secretary to the Elementary School principal. I worked for the Clearview School system for 26 ½ years retiring as a Teachers Aide for the learning disabled students. **The day of my confirmation my parents surprised me and joined the church.** What joy! My favorite things about church was making life long friends, the Youth Fellowship and singing in the Choir for 30 years. In the mid 1950's a young man from Maryland began attending church services. A couple of years later he became my Sunday School teacher for a few weeks while the regular teacher was in Florida. Of course, all of the 12 yr. old girls had a crush on him. During the time Allan was in the Army we would write letters to each other a few times. After he got out of the Army we began to date and three years later we were **married in June of 1964**. The first year we bought a fix-er-up home two doors from Clearview High School and lived there for 50 years before moving to the Morningside community in 2015. Over the years we have visited Walt Disney six times. This has led to one room in our house nearly full of Disney memorabilia. I have a few tea pots and enjoy visiting tea rooms. Our son Tom was born in 1965 and a graduate of Clearview. After graduation he attended Ohio School of Broadcasting and worked as a radio broadcaster in North Carolina, Virginia and for WEOL and the WAVE until that station changed ownership. After retraining he is currently employed by Cleveland Clinic, Jacobs Building in Avon as the cast person. He is married to Tracey living in Avon and they have two sons. Sean lives in Charlotte, North Carolina and is the Assistant Manager of a hotel restaurant and Brian is in his second year attending Bowling Green University. His goal is to be a math teacher. Our daughter Susan was born in 1967 and also graduated from Clearview. She attended LCCC for medical studies. She was employed by our family doctor when she met George Thomas and now lives in Mogadore, Ohio. For the past 16 years she has worked as part time secretary and teachers aide for special education students in the Mogadore school system. They have two daughters, Nicole graduated from Kent State as an artist and is working for American Greeting and Jessica who attended Akron University and is currently working for Amazon. She is going with a very great young man and will probable marry within the next year.

Nearly twenty years ago when it became apparent that the former United Brethren Church, now the Faith United Methodist was going to close, we began looking for another church. Allan attended a couple of churches before finding St. Peters. Several things drew him to this church, the friendly congregation, and at the time, a Sunday School and Youth group. It did not hurt that Rev. Mark Pemberton had just become the new pastor. His mother-in-law, Sandy Tucker, played the organ for our wedding and our daughters. We have been members of St. Peters for 15 years. We love our church family, the activities planned for being together, and our loving Pastors.

Our hope for St. Peter's is for great things to come from God.

AL & CAROL MURPHY



Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

AUGUST

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

The staff would like to thank all those who worked many hours to complete the renovations. We appreciate it!

How fast can a summer vacation go? Well ask anyone on the preschool staff and they will all say "Too Fast"!

With all that aside, the teachers will be starting to work to get their freshly painted rooms ready for the new school year. The renovations turned out beautiful. The staff would like to thank all those who worked many hours to complete the renovations. We appreciate it! Mrs. Kosakowski and Ms. Nail would like to announce that the

grant reconciliation was approved by OCCRRRA and is now officially closed.

Parent Night will be taking place on August 16 and Open House on August 23. We are looking forward to the parents and children seeing the newly renovated rooms and bathrooms.

We have planned many new and exciting activities, as well as many fun field trips. The preschool has had t-shirts printed up and every student registered will receive one. We have a won-

derful Preschool Board with members who support all that we do. The preschool staff thanks them all!

The staff is looking forward to another wonderful year of teaching and nurturing a future president, nurse, teacher, lawyer and yes, maybe even a minister.

At St. Peter's UCC Preschool we teach the sky is the limit!!

God bless, The Preschool Staff



July 29th | 9AM-3PM

THANK YOU to EVERYONE
Who helped to make this
'fundraising event' happen!

We will report in the church bulletin and the September KEY our net profit which will go to benefit the Pipe organ.



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.

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*



Teri Walter, Kaye Koler, Allan Murphy, Walter Beale, Arthur Diaz

CATHERINE ROBERTS' DREAM Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. *According to Catherine:* The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter des-

pair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: **Quilts = Healing.**

The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other would quilt it. I saw the name for this special quilt: it was:

QUILT OF VALOR, A QOV

July 17
2023

MEETING
ATTENDEES:

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

"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

Note: This is a *summary* of the council meeting. The official approved minutes of the meeting are on file and are available in the church office.

Pastor: Chris Buckingham-Taylor Financial Secretary: Rebecca Woods
President: Christine Burman Congregational Rep: Susan Conkle
Vice President: Judy McCurdy Congregational Rep: Stacy Gleason
Past President: Mary-K Kirsch Congregational Rep: Kaye Koler
Secretary: Tom Hollstein Congregational Rep: Joan Whitman
Assistant Treasurer: Sally Readinger



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Christine Burman, and began with a prayer from Pastor Chris.

Secretary's Report

- For the record, the minutes of the June meeting were approved at this meeting.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report

- Transition will begin to future treasurer Karel Schieferstein.
- Pass-through amounts were not included with this report, but will be included in the future.
- Pass-through amounts of \$100.00 (Strengthen the Church) and \$106.31 (OCWM) appeared in the Financial Secretary's report and will be approved.
- We have improved over last year at this time by overspending less.
- Because of some large expenses occurring during the same month (property insurance, organ repair, real estate taxes, 3 payrolls, 2 pension board payments, and 2 U.S. Treasury payments) it was necessary to withdraw another \$25,000 in addition to \$50,000 from savings.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PASS-THROUGHS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$206.31. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Giving for June was on average with other months.
- Mid-year donation statements have been emailed out. Please contact Becky Woods if you have not received your statement.

Pastor's Report

- The recent wedding went well, and was a real joy. Special thanks to Linda Gatz for her role as wedding coordinator.

- Special thanks to all who helped with cleaning and building improvements to make the church look its best.
- We plan to actively promote St. Peter's as a wedding site, not only for the income, but also to increase our exposure to those outside our church.
- Performed graveside services for Donald Griffith.
- Visited Roger Becker, Elaine Thompson, 98 years of age, and Karen Andy, sharing Communion with all.
- Karel Schieferstein is tentatively to be our new treasurer, possibly sharing duties with Neil Wasilk.
- Would like to see the preschool expand to make more use of the building and also make use of the summer months.

Compassionate Care

- Joan Whitman asks to be informed of anyone in need of cards, contact, or visitation. If you are aware of someone who has stopped attending church for awhile, please let her know.
- The next regular meeting will be in September.

Altar Guild

- We still need more members for Altar Guild, and men are welcome.

Circle Six

- There will be no regular meetings for summer.
- We are planning future special programs to be shared by the congregation. Any and all ideas are welcome. These could even be repeat programs from the past. Let us know your ideas.

Ushers

Ushers are still needed to sign up for the rest of July.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 17, 2023 continued

Tech Report

The recent Miskov wedding was broadcast on Zoom and recorded pre request from the wedding party. This might be considered as an optional feature for future weddings.

- Upgrading our A/V system is being considered in order to improve the quality of our Zoom broadcasts.
- Many of our members now depend on the broadcasts as their only means of attending church.

Website

- Kaye Koler is working to improve the content and quality of our website.

Garden Team

- The plants are look healthy, and the coming rain will help.

Rummage Sale

- The rummage sale is coming together; date is July 29.
- Many thanks to all the hard workers.
- Christine Burman is coordinating the volunteers for the actual sale day. There are still openings to be filled. Please contact Christine if you would like to help. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided.
- Administrative Secretary Kaye Oswald has created advertising flyers for the sale. Please stop in and get a few to place around town.
- Kaye has also created brochures detailing weddings and hall rental at our church. These will be available at the sale, and also placed in the church pews.
- We are still accepting items for the sale, so bring them in!

New Business

- Suggestions are needed for new money raising activities. Bring forth your ideas!
- The sandstone/cement repair on the education building is scheduled to begin July 24. The cost will be approximately \$8,000.
- We will investigate selling engraved pavers as we did in the past. There is plenty of space still available. Current costs will have to be determined.
- A spaghetti lunch or dinner is being planned for September. Details will be worked out by the Spaghetti Team of Chris Burman, Stacy Gleason, Judy McCurdy, Joan Whitman, and Tom Hollstein. Let them know your ideas! Volunteers will be needed before, during, and after the meal.
- The parsonage roof is in need of repair. The extent of Insurance coverage will first be determined before work is authorized.

- A question was asked if Sunday coffee hour could be continued throughout the summer months. For some people this is their main means of social contact for the week. It is a problem finding volunteers to operate it – Circle Six is off during the summer. And there are fewer participants because many members wish to leave church right away to attend summer time activities.
- Name tags: We will encourage their use by everyone, not just the ushers. Name tags do exist for some of our members. Mary K has made some nice lanyards for them. We will investigate what names we do have and how to store them when not in use.
- There will be a pot-luck luncheon in August, either the 20th or the 27th, date to be announced.
- The Wednesday morning get-togethers, 9-11 AM at Sandstone Coffee House (across from the old post office on Park Avenue) continue to be enjoyable and fun. Food is available as well as coffee. Everyone is welcome to participate, so please come out and join in!
- We will investigate producing St. Peter's T-shirts again.
- Who besides the Treasurer is authorized to handle and transfer funds? At least 1 or 2 others should be designated for backup. To be determined.

Old Business

- Sale of wooden chairs: Decision how to proceed will be made once market value is determined. Enough chairs would be held back to meet our needs.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:28 PM after prayer by Pastor Chris.

Respectfully submitted, July 22, 2023

Tom Hollstein, Council Secretary



AUGUST EVENTS

Aug. 3 No Compassionate Care meeting

Aug. 6 Communion Sunday

Aug. 10 No Men's Breakfast this month

Aug. 16 Preschool Parent Night Open House

Aug. 20 Outdoor Worship Service

Aug. 21 Council Meeting, Zoom, 7 PM

Aug. 23 Preschool Parent Night Open House

Communion Visits: Aug. 14 & Aug. 28 1-4PM

Bible Study: 7 PM, Tuesdays, Zoom

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

Coffee Chats



Sandstone Coffee House
Wednesdays 9-11AM

Join us!

Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris continue to be enjoyable and fun. Food is available as well as coffee. Everyone is welcome to participate, so please come out and join in!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Mischka..... August 02

Scott Snyder August 02

Sherry Spratt August 04

Pamela Miskov August 05

Rebecca Woods..... August 05

Glenn Miskov August 12



James Wiley August 14

Mary-K Kirsch August 20

Julie Swift..... August 2

Walter Beale August 25

Donald Swift..... August 26

OUTDOOR
WORSHIP
August 20th

St. Peter's 
Craft Club
Off month of August.



Altar Guild Still Needs Help!

The Altar Guild desperately needs help and are looking for new members, **including couples**. We help with tasks in the Sanctuary and also prepare Communion. Please call the church office at **(440) 988-4965** or email admin.ofc@stpetersamherst.org if interested.



St. Peter's UCC
FOOD
pantry

In July
we collected
46
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. Pam is back and came to count, load, and deliver the food to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry. Thank you Pam for serving with a grateful heart!

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

No August Meeting for Compassionate Care

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?

Prayer changes things!

Call Joan Whitman, contact person for the Prayer Team at 440-320-8923

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 to the list for our Prayer Team.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

I come before your throne to ask you to heal me and make me whole again. Remove this sickness from my body and cause me to enjoy good health for the glory of your name.

In Jesus' name, I believe and pray.

Karin Andy

Lois Barnes

Roger Becker

Richard Berry

Joyce Darakis

Tudy Diaz

Valentino Dziak

Don Flock

Jim Koler

Jean Marsh

Richard McCurdy

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

Kaye Oswald

& Family



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