

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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!

NOVEMBER 2023

THE KEY



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— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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Pastoral Ponderings

From the desk of
PASTOR CHRIS

Remember, you are loved!

By now you have either received my letter or heard through the grapevine that I will be leaving St. Peter's, UCC this coming January. This wasn't an easy decision for me to make, and I do think that I am following God's direction and Spirit. As I have been blessed to serve this loving and faithful congregation over these past few years, I have been able to experience the joy of returning to worship with you without the separation caused by COVID 19. At first it felt like things were getting back to normal and that we were going to be able to get back to being the "church," and all that goes with that. The reality is, however, that to be the "church" today is different than what it was four years ago. Like me, you probably dreamed of St. Peter's UCC growing, and getting young families, youth and children involved in our ministry again. We all want to go back to how things used to be, but unfortunately, things change.

One constant that has not changed, however, is our church budget. When I arrived in 2021, our church budget was about 270,000 dollars. We made some necessary cuts in our budget to be better stewards of our financial resources and significantly lowered our budget

the following year. As we prepared to offer a budget for 2024, we proposed a budget of around 203,000 dollars.

There is another number that is very important in our budget equation, and that is our projected income. Most of our income comes directly from you, our faithful givers. Our pledge and general offering usually come in around 135-140,000 dollars, (in the past few years) and we receive about 15,000 dollars annually from our preschool ministry and outreach. This is simple math. Some of our budget items are covered by our designated endowment funds. In the end, when we add it all together, we end up with a shortfall, or deficit of a significant amount which has been generously covered by our future fund endowment for the past seven or so years. As your pastor, and as a servant of God, I cannot allow this to continue. The reason that I am leaving is so that St. Peter's UCC can

get its financial house in order. Please hear this—this church is a long way from being over! God is providing St. Peter's with an opportunity for sustainability.



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I am truly grateful and thankful for the generous support this church has provided me in compensation. Unfortunately, my compensation package amounted to more than half of our operating budget. We have very dedicated and faithful leaders in this church that I fully trust to help this church move forward in faith and financial security. This is no one's fault! It's not mine, or our church leaders' fault that our finances are what they are. It would be our fault, however, if we chose to ignore the problem and not address it.

As a pastor I must follow God's will and call for my life. I believe that call led me here to you, and that I have been faithful in my duties as your pastor. I have loved you and you have loved me, but love is not always enough. It costs a lot of money to keep this large building going, and our finances are limited. I believe God has great things in store for St. Peter's, UCC and that your best days (however defined) are still in front of you.

November is a time for us to reflect on the many blessings and gifts God has granted us. I feel richly blessed to have been called to serve at St. Peter's and feel that my time with you has been a blessing and that we are all better for having had this time together. I am grateful for your spirit of service. I have never served a church that had so many "doers," in it. All I had to do was ask, and it was done! You are a kind and generous congregation and God will continue to bless you.

Get used to it! I'll be telling you how grateful I am, and how wonderful you are for the rest of this year.

When I was a kid, and playing in my backyard with my friends, we would always give each other a "do over." For example, we'd throw a football, and someone would drop it, and they would yell, "do over!" and we would forget about the drop and simply replay the down. Life is never really that easy, but we are in a situation where we get to "do it" over! This time for us is a gift. God is saying, "St. Peter's, look at what I've given you and work with that." God is saying to me, "Chris, I have a place where I need you to go and serve." This is our Thanksgiving. God is blessing us with a bounty of opportunities to flourish.

My prayer for you is that you would be kind and loving to each other as you move forward in a new search for pastoral leadership. Just as God called me to First United Church of Christ, in Galion, Ohio, God is calling someone else to serve this warm and friendly congregation.



Remember, you are loved!

Rev. Chris Luckhart-Saylor

Pastor Chris



Circle Six Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 7 | 6 PM
Main Street Amherst

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 7 at Main Street Amherst (255 Park Avenue) at 6:00 pm where we will be making a vinyl project. The cost per member is \$10.00 and Circle Six pays \$5.00 of that fee. Please bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

It's that time of year again when Circle Six will be baking their delicious pumpkin rolls. If you haven't put your order in yet, please do so as soon as possible. **We will be baking on Friday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 11th.** The number of pumpkin rolls available for purchase will be limited and orders **MUST** be received prior to baking and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Please please take care when filling out your order form so there are no questions and be sure you know in advance how many you'll need. **They will be wrapped for the freezer and ready for pick-up on Sunday, November 5th or 12th.**



Sincerely,
Sally Readinger
President



NOVEMBER SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

11/5 Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

11/12 Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

11/19 Matthew 25:14-30

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you

have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

11/26 Matthew 25:31-46

Need “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 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, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 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.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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.

Greetings from the McCurdys

We have been members at St. Peters for a long time, since the 1970's. We were not baptized or confirmed at this church. I was however active in a congregational church that became a UCC. Dick had his baptism and confirmation through the Catholic Church.

I first joined St. Peters and became active in Sunday school (we had a wonderful program), Circle Six, and Choir. Later I joined the Bell choir and also became active on Council, first as an Elder and then as vice president. This church has taught me, and supported me and my family through whatever we were challenged with.


Dick loves this church and its people. It did not take him long to join in serving the church after becoming a member. He was an Elder, Financial Secretary, and member of the Men's Group. He respected and looked up to the men of the church who mentored him and showed him kindness.

People like Dale Cotton, Mr. Walkers, and Rev. Happle.

Dick and I have been married 55 years. We have three grown daughters and two fast growing grandsons. They were all confirmed at our church. We are blessed that they live close to us. I was a registered nurse for over 40 years. I retired into a new world (so it seemed) in 2018. Dick worked for 36 years at the Ford Motor Company after spending 6 years in the Marines.

All said, we both agree that St. Peters is our home with lots of brothers and sisters and the Lord. We are surrounded by people who offer love, friendship and support. They keep us on track and expand our spiritual journey. We want to thank all of you for the love you have shown. We will continue to serve as we are able.

Peace and Blessings,
Judy and Dick



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All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all
who humble themselves will be exalted.*



Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

NOVEMBER

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

To foster, encourage, and instill in children a joy of learning, the wonder of discovery, a love of God and his creation.

November is the month where the leaves are falling off the trees and everyone is dreaming of turkey and parades. With that in mind, the students at preschool are busy getting ready for Thanksgiving. This month we will work on the

letters Uu, Ff, Ww, rectangle, the numbers 2, 3 and the color brown. On November 20 and 21, there will be a Thanksgiving Sharing Party with the children. The children will learn about the importance of sharing and giving to others.

This is the time of year when we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have family, friends, and food on the table.

Wendy Kosakowski
Preschool Director

The Preschool Staff would like to wish everyone a Wonderful and Safe Thanksgiving!



Thank you to everyone who walked or donated to the **CROP HUNGER WALK**

Last Sunday, Pastor Chris, Mary-K Kirsch and her dog Victor, James & Becky Woods and their 2 children, Leah and Chuck, and their dogs Cookie & Rocky all walked to show support. The total amount of all our walkers was **\$346.16!** *Great job everyone!*

Local Impact: 25% of the monies raised will go directly to Amherst Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Baptist church!

Global Impact: Shows solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water and support to individuals impacted by poverty and disaster through CWS.

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped during our fall cleanup!

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.



Oct. 16
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 in the church office and are available for viewing.*

<u>Pastor: Chris Buckingham-Taylor</u>	<u>Financial Sec'y: Rebecca Woods</u>
<u>Vice President: Judy McCurdy</u>	<u>Congregational Rep: Susan Conkle</u>
<u>Past President: Mary-K Kirsch</u>	<u>Congregational Rep: Stacy Gleason</u>
<u>Secretary: Tom Hollstein</u>	<u>Congregational Rep: Kaye Koler</u>
<u>Treasurer: Karel Schieferstein</u>	<u>Congregational Rep: Don Ramsey</u>
<u>Ass't. Treasurer: Sally Readinger</u>	<u>Congregational Rep: Joan Whitman</u>
<u>Trustee Rep: Geoff Gatz</u>	<u>Preschool Admin: Wendy Kosakowski</u>



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Vice President Judy McCurdy, and began with a prayer from Pastor Chris.

Preschool Report: (Wendy Kosakowski)

- The school did very well, passing the state inspection with only two exceptions out of a total of 52 items.
- The field trip to the Historical Society was enjoyable to both students and parents.
- Two students have withdrawn from the school. One position has been filled, leaving one available.
- Mama Jo gift cards will be sold as a fundraiser on October 23rd and 24th. Cost is \$10 each.
- Trunk or Treat will be held October 30th and 31st at 11:30 and 2:45. The parking lot will be closed during the event.
- The Thanksgiving Program will be held November 20 and 21 during school hours.
- The Christmas Program will be held December 14 and 15 during school hours. Pastor Chris will lead a few songs during the program.

Secretary's Report: (Tom Hollstein)

- The minutes for the September council meeting were emailed to council members today.
- For the record, the minutes need to be approved at this meeting.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION MADE BY JOAN WHITMAN, AND SECONDED BY SUE CONKLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report: (Sally Readinger)

- There is one pass through to be approved: \$105 for OCWM.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PASS THROUGH AMOUNT OF \$105 FOR OCWM. MOTION MADE BY JOAN WHITMAN, AND SECONDED BY JUDY MCCURDY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Secretary's Report: (Rebecca Woods)

- Total giving for September was \$11,903.82.
- \$319.50 came from the Little Church and was designated for the Improvement fund.

Spiritual Life Report: (Judy McCurdy)

- Made visits to Darlene Mudrich and Roger Becker at Sprenger Nursing Home.
- Two previously unknown former members of our church are residents at the nursing home.

Compassionate Care: (Joan Whitman)

- Had meeting October 5.
- Next meeting will be November 9, when gift bags will be assembled for the shut-ins. Mary K Kirsch will donate hand cream for the gift bags.

Altar Guild: (Lynn Hollstein)

- We will decorate for Harvest Home in November.
- Correction: Hanging of the Greens will take place after the service on November 29, NOT on December 3rd.
- The tree will be set up later that week.

Trustees' Report: (Geoff Gatz)

- New janitor Bill Hart is doing a great job.
- Thank you to the Beale family and the Helyes family for performing the lawn mowing duties.

- The parsonage roof will likely not be funded by insurance, since the roof is over 20 years old. We may get some insurance money, but it will be small.
- Cost of the parsonage roof will be funded by an anonymous angel donor.
- Kaminski Roofing is the only contractor to have returned a bid, and they are recommended for the parsonage roofing job. They will also repair the portico over the elevator entrance.
- Insurance may cover the cost of Fellowship Hall repairs since it specifies wet rot and fungus.

NOTE: MOTION TO ALLOW THE TRUSTEES TO PROCEED WITH THE PARSONAGE ROOF REPAIRS WAS MADE ONLINE AT A LATER DATE. MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY K KIRSCH, AND SECONDED BY TOM HOLLSTEIN. MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Circle Six: (Sally Readinger)

- Pumpkin rolls will be made on Friday Nov. 3 and Saturday Nov. 11.
- Quantities will be lower this year due to reduced number of workers. Any one who wishes may participate. Pickup will be Sunday Nov. 5 and Sunday Nov. 12.

Tech. Report: (Mary K Kirsch)

- No real change in number of viewers since posting only the Sunday message as opposed to the entire service.
- Everyone is encouraged to view, “like”, and subscribe to the posts. Increased number of viewers creates increased awareness to others online.

Website: (Kaye Koler)

- Brian feels that a change to a lower cost website would be beneficial.
- James Woods will likely collaborate.

Garden Team: (Sue Conkle)

- Will have fall cleanup when the rain stops.

Budget Report: (Karel Schieferstein)

- Karel has been working on the 2024 budget, currently just over \$203,000 including recent cuts. Still some fine tuning to be done.
- Much of her time was spent familiarizing with and learning the church’s finances.
- Significant reductions have been enacted.

- Looking at endowments for some potential expenses.
- Parsonage grant money will soon expire, but possibly may be replaced by Ukranian Relief Fund.

Pastor’s Report: (Pastor Chris)

- Pastor announced that he will be leaving our church, effective mid-January 2024, and relocating to a UCC church in Galion, Ohio.
- He realizes that his compensation package is a heavy burden on our finances, yet that is the amount necessary for him.
- He feels our needs could be served by a part-time pastor, possibly living in the parsonage. This could reduce our costs substantially.
- He feels that this is an opportunity for our church to balance the budget and finally live within our financial means.
- He loves our church and congregation, but feels that leaving is best for our church and for him.
- Rev. Nayiri Karjian, General Minister of Living Water Association UCC will meet with church council Wednesday Oct. 25 to help plan our transition.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING MADE BY SUE CONKLE AND SECONDED BY MARY K KIRSCH. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:04 PM with a prayer by Pastor Chris.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hollstein, Council Secretary

Compassionate Care GIFT BAGS

Please help us fill our gift bags for our homebound members. Items are due on Sunday, November 5th.

Thank you for helping our ministry!
Joan Whitman, Team Leader
Hope to see everyone there!

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| Lip Balm (chapstick) | Small Notebooks & Pens |
| Small Hand Sanitizer | Small Purse Calendars |
| Cheese Crackers | Color Books |
| Peanut Butter Crackers | & 16 count Crayons |
| Small Box of Raisins
and/or Cranberries | |



NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov. 1 All Saints Day
 - Nov. 3 Circle Six baking pumpkin rolls
 - Nov. 5 Communion Sunday
Pickup pumpkin roll orders
 - Nov. 7 Circle Six Meeting, 6PM Fellowship Hall
 - Nov. 9 Men's Breakfast, Quarry Café, 9:30 AM
Compassionate Care, 10:30 AM Fireside
 - Nov. 11 Circle Six baking pumpkin rolls
 - Nov. 12 Pickup pumpkin roll orders
 - Nov. 15 Clergy Luncheon 11:30 AM, Fireside
 - Nov. 20 Preschool Thanksgiving Program
 - Nov. 21 Preschool Thanksgiving Program
 - Nov. 22-24 Preschool Break
 - Nov. 23-24 Office closed for Thanksgiving
- Bible Study: 7 PM, Tuesdays, Zoom
 Communion Visits: Mondays, from 1-4 PM
 Handbell Choir Practice: Thursdays 7 PM
 Voice Choir Practice: Sundays 9 AM
 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!

November Birthdays

- Christine BurmanNovember 05
- David Harmych.....November 06
- Brenda Charny.....November 09
- Roger Becker.....November 10
- Leah WoodsNovember 10
- William Carpenter.....November 13
- Esther Moos.....November 13
- Phoebe Beal Porter.....November 14
- Jennifer ConkleNovember 16
- Richard Schieferstein ...November 17
- Barbara WileyNovember 19
- Donald FlockNovember 21
- Danielle Dziak.....November 23



St. Peter's **Craft Club**

TUESDAY | NOV. 28 | 6:30 PM

Craft Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 28 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. Can't wait to see you!

Altar Guild 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 October
 we collected
148
 food items!

Your monthly commitment to support the Weekend Children's Backpack Program helps feed the children in our community. You can still donate 'regular food items' in addition to the Backpack Program, as many families are still in need.

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. We greatly appreciate your donations, along with Good Shepherd and those receiving food items. Thank you Pam for delivering each month.

Putting Arms & Legs on Christ's Love

Suggestions for the Weekend Children's Backpack Program:

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

Compassionate Care Meeting Nov. 9 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.

Lord, Hear our Prayer!



Are you in need of Prayer?

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

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

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Karin Andy	Tudy Diaz	Glenn Miskov	Serita Reyes	Jean Swift & Family
Judy Baker	Valentino Dziak	Audrey Montgomery	Sharon	Elaine Thompson
Lois Barnes	Don Flock	Darlene Mudrich	Janet Siron	Edgar Vargas
Roger Becker	Jim Koler	Carol Murphy	Sue Smith	Gloria Versace
Fred Beiswenger	Jean Marsh	June Nau & Family	Family of Jean Snyder	
Richard Berry	Tom McKinley	Rich Orseno	Sherry Spratt	
Family of Joyce Darakis	Bev Mischka	Kaye Oswald & Family	Mary Ann Sterna	



ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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with Pastor Chris.*



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Kaye Oswald, Office Administrator
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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. | **Sunday School:** 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Breeze Chapel Service: 7:00 p.m. Join us in the Chapel every Wednesday

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

Christine Burman, Council President	(440) 522-8035	president@stpetersamherst.org
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Tom Hollstein, Council Secretary	(440) 988-8066	tomholls06@gmail.com
Karel Schieferstein, Treasurer	(440) 988-2459	treasurer@stpetersamherst.org
Mary-K Kirsch, Past President Moderator	(216) 559-6160	marykkirsch@gmail.com

St. Peter's Preschool

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

St. Peter's Website and Social Media Addresses

Website: www.stpetersamherst.org	Twitter: https://www.twitter.com/StPetersUCCOH
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stpetersuccamherstoh	YouTube Channel: St Peters UCC Amherst



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