

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

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**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  
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“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the **glory about to be revealed** to us.” —Romans 8:18

JANUARY 2024



**THE KEY**

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— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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## REMEMBER, YOU ARE LOVED

**A**s we begin a new year, I only have one thought—**Thank You!** Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your pastor. I know this isn't what you wanted, nor is it what I wanted when I accepted your call over two years ago. Even though my last Sunday with you is the 14th of January, I am thankful for all that we have been through together and for the valuable lessons I have learned from you. St. Peter's UCC will forever be a part of my heart and ministry. I also truly believe that when I accepted your call to serve as pastor, that this call was from God. It was God who brought us together in ministry and it is God who is providing our mutual paths forward in faith.

How many times in your life have you prayed to God for direction, and then experienced

God's intervention—or answer to your prayer? I can't think of a time in my life when God didn't answer my prayer, no matter what it was—well, with the exception of a testing prayer like: "*God, please make my eyes perfect so that I don't have to wear glasses!*" I lifted that prayer up many nights as a teenager. In my teenage faith, I thought—"*Why not give it a try. Who knows, maybe God will heal my eyes?*" Of course, I know that God healed my eyes with the use of prescription lenses. But, listening for God's call, God's direction, requires us to be open and aware of our own thoughts and desires, as well as, to the thoughts and desires of those around us. I remember learning early on in my calling to be a pastor, that a mentor told me that—"*Our call to serve God is often noticed first by those around us who see how God might use us.*" In

other words, a “Call,” (to serve God) is often validated by those around us who encourage us to pursue it.”



I am thankful that my call to serve as your pastor has been validated by your enthusiastic and loving response to my ministry over these past two years. I’m sad that it has come to an end so soon, but we all must listen to God’s call and then respond in faith, no matter how challenging or difficult it may be. I know this isn’t going to be an easy time for you and for the leaders who are faithfully working to find a new pastor for St. Peter’s UCC. **However, I also know that God is good! All the time, God is good! And God will see you through!**

There are times in our lives when we may feel that we’ve made a mistake, especially when we didn’t listen to God. My experiences have taught me that when we listen to God and respond to God’s direction, there are no mistakes no matter the results. We may not always understand, at first, why God directs us the way God does, but that doesn’t make it wrong for us. Jesus was led to the cross, that wasn’t wrong, it wasn’t easy, but it was right. Sometimes we are called to do extremely difficult, and painful things for God. Leaving you is a painful thing to do, even though I know this is God’s way, and it is right. I am sure that you will come to this awareness too if you haven’t already.

**I believe that I am leaving St. Peter’s UCC better than I found it, and that I am the better for it.** I am thankful to God for bringing us together and I am grateful that God’s hand continues to guide us forward in faith.

**Remember, you are loved!**

*Rev. Chris Suckow-Saylor*

**Pastor Chris**



## Luke 18:16

***But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.***

For the past 2 1/2 years Pastor Chris has been teaching the pre-school children songs about Jesus and boy do they sign their hearts out! The children, teachers, and I will miss him, and all that he did to contribute to the school. Monday and Tuesday mornings won’t be the same. Hearing the music drift up into my office added a spark to my day. Our thanks to Pastor Chris for ALL that he has done! –Kaye



# JANUARY SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

1/7 Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

1/14 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being  
made in secret, intricately woven in the depths  
of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book  
were written all the days that were formed for me, when  
none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast  
is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

1/21 Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

1/28 Mark 1:21-28

Need They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

(2 Timothy 3:16-17).

It could not be clearer that one of the main purposes of the Bible is to teach us how to live.

# 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.

## Mary-K Kirsch

I have been a member of St. Peter's for five years. I transferred my membership on January 21, 2018 when Bev Bammel was our minister. I was Baptized and confirmed as a catholic at Holy Trinity in Lorain, Ohio. Something I especially liked in my confirmation class was that I was selected to kiss the Bishop's ring.

I chose St. Peter's for 2 reasons: 1) it was a UCC church and I am all about social justice; 2. It reminded me of my catholic church, Holy Trinity – gothic architecture, steeple, stained glass windows.

My initial impression was that it was such a friendly church. I came because I met Pastor Bev at a local meeting and loved the idea of a female pastor. (my last UCC church had 3 female pastors). Immediately I was warmly welcomed, people talked to me and made me feel comfortable, and before you knew it, I was asked to be a Worship Leader (I did not know what that was) and then got lots of positive feedback for my efforts.

The nuns of the catholic church / school where I grew up were very much purveyors of social justice: we visited the sick and poor who were not members of our church community. So my interest and commitment to social justice came from my early experiences. We were always reminded of our good fortune and how we must do for others who were less fortunate. I have carried that with me throughout my life and try to always be helpful to others. It's my answer to WWJD. My parents were shining examples of church involvement. Besides the many, many Masses we attended weekly, and all of the other Feasts and Holy days we celebrated, they were also very involved in church groups. They truly led by example.

I came to this church as it was recovering from much tumult and still learning to process the challenges of modern day "churchery." Through the leadership of pastors during the few

years I have been attending, I have seen a "rise to the occasion" mentality among the congregants. They have stepped up with the intent of keeping this church a strong institution in order to serve God and others, as Jesus taught us.

I have 2 children, although the oldest, a son, has chosen estrangement. However, my daughter and I are extremely close and have spent our lives working together to meet life's challenges. She is very successful in business, working for one of the Big Four accounting firms.

I grew up in Lorain, and call Lorain, Ohio my hometown and am #HometownProud!

My career has been as a Part Time Mary Kay Cosmetic consultant for 35+ years, Yoga Instructor for 12 years, and church project volunteer, which is more time consuming than anything I have done before (but I do it because I love this church and its people!)

Health is my main hobby, actually lifestyle, and from it has sprung these "hobbies": healthy but delicious cooking, gardening, and of course Yoga. Wait—I can't forget my beloved yayhoos (dogs), Belle and Victor who keep me walking 2 miles everyday! I cook for them, also!

Because of St. Peter's people I believe we have a long, prosperous future. We have learned how to work together for the common good. As we continue to grow and evolve in this new era, we will adapt as we define and refine our mission, and we will be a beacon of hope for many in the years to come. I continue to believe in the mission of social justice. It is apparent to me that that is what Jesus was teaching all along as he forgave and loved others without judging anyone.

I believe God is calling this church to keep Jesus' mission as our guidepost and then go out and do the work.



Wendy Kosakowski Heather Nail Kerri Kobylka Ms. Stempowski

# JANUARY

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



Christmas is over and the New Year has begun. It was so nice to take the time to enjoy the wonder of Christmas. Now it

is back to work as we start the second half of the school year.

This month the children will learn the letters Ee, Ii, Xx, Pp and numbers 5 and 6. We will also introduce the 5 senses. To go along with the letter Pp, the children and teachers will be wearing pajamas to school. We are looking forward to rolling out of bed to come to school. For our field trip, we will be going to Skate World.

Now is the time to enroll your child for the upcoming school year. Look for a registration paper in the preschool hallway. **Open enrollment will be Wednesday, January 24 from 12:30-1:30.** If you have any questions, please call the preschool at 440-985-1972.

***Have a great New Year!***  
Wendy Kosakowski



## 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.

## Amherst Salvation Army St. Peter's Ringers



The Amherst Salvation Army would like to thank St. Peter's UCC for ringing the bells on Dec. 2 at Giant Eagle. We are so appreciative that members volunteer to ring at both doors. This year we want to thank the following members:

Ken and Cindy Bring, Jeff Pietch, Alan Murphy, Judy McCurdy, Eleanor Traster, Fred Helyes, Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz, Becky Woods and Don Ramsey. We'd also like to thank Vicki and Lewis Zeller for helping count the \$930 of bills and coins that was collected. Thanks again to St. Peter's UCC for helping Amherst Salvation Army assist so many Amherst families.



Amherst Madrigal Singers performing in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, December 5th.

## Circle Six Meeting, Tues., Jan. 2 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Circle Six was very pleased and honored to host the **Amherst Madrigal Singers** in December and the event was open to the congregation. Their performance was lovely and the acoustics in our beautiful sanctuary were extraordinary. Thank you to those who were able to attend—we really appreciate it. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall with snacks provided by members of the church and Circle Six.

We also held our annual **Christmas Cookie sale** on December 10. We put together 55 one-pound cookie containers and all were sold. Thank you to all who baked, assisted with the assembly and those who

purchased. Without all of you we wouldn't be able to fulfill our annual Christmas giving mission.

Regarding our annual Christmas giving, this year Circle Six members voted to donate a total of \$2,000. We are proud to announce the entire **\$2,000** will be donated to **St. Peter's UCC** to help with funding of some necessary repairs to the church.

Thank you again to all members of Circle Six and to all others of the congregation who support our organization and our missions.

—*Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President*

## Looking back at 2023



Dec. 18  
2023

# 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

**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.*

Pastor: Chris Buckingham-Taylor	Trustee Rep: Geoff Gatz
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
Treasurer: Karel Schieferstein	Visitors: Fred and Lynda Helyes
Ass't. Treasurer: Sally Readinger	



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

### **Secretary's Report: (Tom Hollstein)**

- There were no corrections, changes, or additions to the minutes of the November meeting.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION MADE BY GEOFF GATZ AND SECONDED BY JOAN WHITMAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Preschool Report: (Christine Burman)**

- Preschool has received another smaller grant, mostly covid-related funding for the teachers.
- Cleaning supplies will be ordered since the preschool building does not need further updating.
- Enrollment will finish in January; openings are rapidly being filled.

### **Pastor's Report: (Pastor Chris)**

- Transition from the Christmas Eve 10 am service to the 7 pm service will take place immediately following the 10 am service.
- Compassionate Care visits will be continued by Judy McCurdy, Pam Miskov, and Don Ramsey.
- All Communion Cups have been blessed, so anyone visiting can serve Communion.

### **Spiritual Life Report: (Judy McCurdy)**

- Covered by Pastor in preceding report.

### **Compassionate Care: (Joan Whitman)**

- Question: Does Compassionate Care ever receive requests for financial help? What would be the procedure?
- Answer: In the past, there was a committee in place to handle such requests. Members were Joan Whitman, Karen Geduldig, and Karin Andy. The committee is no longer active and should be revived.

### **Altar Guild: (Lynn Hollstein)**

- Altar Guild has a new member, Eleanor Trastor. There is still need for an additional member.
- Setup for evening Christmas service will take place after the morning service.
- Thank you to all who helped with Hanging the Greens to decorate the church.

### **Trustee Report: (Geoff Gatz)**

- Steps at the front entrance to church may be closed if icy due to weather.
- A floor buffer has been received as a gift.
- Circle Six has made a \$2000 donation to the parsonage roofing project.
- The outer door at the elevator entrance will be repaired by Lakeland Glass with new heavy duty hinges, new threshold, and weatherstripping for \$1460.



- Parsonage Roofing Project: Insurance paid \$4000 minus the deductible of \$1250, giving us a net of \$2750. An Angel Donor has contributed \$19,000. The parsonage project will include new roof, both peaked and flat, new roof on the portico, missing shutters rehung, new gutters on flat roof and chapel, caulking of chimney, versus metal overlay, and eventually recoat the connector from parson to chapel.
- Other activities: Investigating water/soap damage to the new countertops; added additional handrail to women's restroom in basement; roped off first row in balcony for safety reasons; did maintenance on grounds equipment; received donation of snow blower from Walter Beale.

### **Circle Six: (Sally Readinger)**

- The Cookie sale was very successful, made and sold 55 packages of cookies.
- The Amherst Madrigal Singers program was excellent, although bad weather affected the attendance.

### **Usher Report: (Chris Burman)**

- Doing well, getting enough regular volunteers.

### **Tech Report: (Mary K Kirsch)**

- Will publish the entire 7 pm Christmas Eve service online per request.

### **Transition Team: (Chris Burman)**

- The search team has been formed.
- Waiting to hear from pastoral candidates through Living Waters.

### **Financial Team: (Mary K Kirsch)**

- The team is looking at Non-Endowed Funds, of which there are several.
- Currently there are a Pastor's Fund, a Deacon Fund, and a Memorial Fund, each with several thousand dollars.
- We will look at the definitions of each fund and possibly consolidate them into a single fund.
- The goal is to better utilize dormant money that we already have.

- Need to restore the Happel Fund to its authorized level.
- Need to check legalities of using certain funds.

### **Entertainment Committee: Chris Burman**

- Beginning to meet for planning sessions.
- January 28 for first potluck lunch. Hoping for regular monthly potlucks the last Sunday of each month.
- Another activity to be planned is the spaghetti dinner, possibly open to the public.

### **New Business: Chris Burman**

- Discussion about joining Main Street Amherst. Cost is \$125 per year.
- Membership would present many opportunities to expose our church to the general public at little to no cost.

**MOTION: TO JOIN MAIN STREET AMHERST AT COST OF \$125 PER YEAR. MOTION MADE BY TOM HOLLSTEIN AND SECONDED BY JOAN WHITMAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- After 1st of new year, we will examine the bylaws and recommend changes/updates as necessary.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION MADE BY GEOFF GATZ, AND SECONDED BY JUDY MCCURDY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- Meeting ended at 8:02 with a prayer by Pastor Chris.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Hollstein, Recording Secretary



## JANUARY EVENTS

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day office closed
- Jan. 3 Preschool resumes classes
- Jan. 4 Compassionate Care 10:30 AM
- Jan. 7 Communion Sunday 10 AM
- Jan. 12 No Preschool
- Jan. 14 Pastor Chris' last Sunday**
- Jan. 15 No Preschool
- Jan. 21 Rev. Jim Cunningham, Pulpit Supply
- Jan. 28 Rev. Amanda Nagy, Pulpit Supply

Spiritual Life: 1-4 PM, Mondays

Choir Rehearsal: Sundays, 9 AM

Handbell Choir: Thursdays, 7 PM

Coffee Chats at Sandstone Coffee House  
Wednesdays 9-11:00 AM

YOGA with Mary-K

St. Peter's lower level, Wed. 8:30-9:45 AM  
and Thurs. 6:00-7:15 PM



## ST. ELIZABETH HOMELESS SHELTER

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month volunteers help feed the hungry. On Wednesday, January 17th, we will need volunteer(s) to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or you can bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please call Betty Pekare at **440-245-1231**.

*"... 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" Matthew 25:35*



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Darlene Mudrich	January 01
Mary Jo Shalkhauser	January 06
Eleanor Traster	January 07
Patricia Heatley	January 10
Kyle Beiswenger	January 13
Judy Baker	January 14
Danielle Nagy	January 15
Susan Conkle	January 16
Kristy Guild	January 16
Margaret Settle	January 16
Jared Hubach	January 18
Karin Andy	January 25
Serita Reyes	January 25
Karel Schieferstein	January 25
Patricia Logar	January 26
Sarah Readinger	January 28
Dwight Siron	January 29
Brian Schieferstein	January 30



## A Message from Christine Burman, our Council President

What a great year I have had as church council President. Decisions regarding the building were discussed, and we have moved ahead with improvement projects like the sandstone repair (completed), organ repair (completed), and the parsonage roof replacement.

The Preschool Grant has enabled the church to add better lighting to both the preschool and fellowship Hall. The replacement of cabinets, sinks, and so forth are all a part of this grant, and faithful members have stepped up to help with the tasks. More things were able to be done within the guidelines of the grant. This grant is specifically for the Preschool, so building repair is not part of the grant.

Council is working to have new committees to better serve our church, and we will be starting some fellowship and fund raisers in the near future. Regarding Church Council for 2024, our decision was to

keep the same Council members at this time, we are familiar with each other, and will continue to do the challenging work ahead of us.

For the next few months, our Sunday services will be with pulpit supply pastors, as we await profiles from prospective pastors who may be interested in joining our church on a part time basis. Council has carefully evaluated our needs, and we feel that a part time pastor will be what St. Peter's requires. That means that the members of the congregation will continue to make their committees function well. The Search Team has been formed and is eager to help make a good choice in choosing our next settled pastor.

The **future of St. Peter's is bright** and there is a great feeling of **Hope and Love** within the membership. We can look ahead to know that this church can and will be functioning for years to come.

# Compassionate Care Meeting Jan. 4 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 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	Jim Koler	Sharon
Judy Baker	Jean Marsh	Janet Siron
Lois Barnes	Bev Mischka	Sue Smith
Roger Becker	Glenn Miskov	Family of Jean Snyder
Fred Beiswenger	Audrey Montgomery	Sherry Spratt
Richard Berry	Darlene Mudrich	Mary Ann Sterna
Shane Brown, son of Linda Brown	Carol Murphy	Jean Swift & Family
Family of Joyce Darakis	June Nau & Family	Elaine Thompson
Tudy Diaz	Rich Orseno	Edgar Vargas
Valentino Dziak	Kaye Oswald & Family	Gloria Versace
Don Flock	Serita Reyes	
	Robert, cousin of Joan Whitman	

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



In December  
we collected  
**115**  
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



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with Pastor Chris.*



**Chris Buckingham-Taylor, Pastor**  
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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](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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Christine Burman, Council President	(440) 522-8035	president@stpetersamherst.org
Judy McCurdy, Council Vice President	(419) 366-2828	judymccurdy4@gmail.com
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

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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

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<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.stpetersamherst.org">www.stpetersamherst.org</a>	<b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://www.twitter.com/StPetersUCCOh">https://www.twitter.com/StPetersUCCOh</a>
<b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stpetersuccamherstoh">https://www.facebook.com/stpetersuccamherstoh</a>	<b>YouTube Channel:</b> 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.

*Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your will.*