

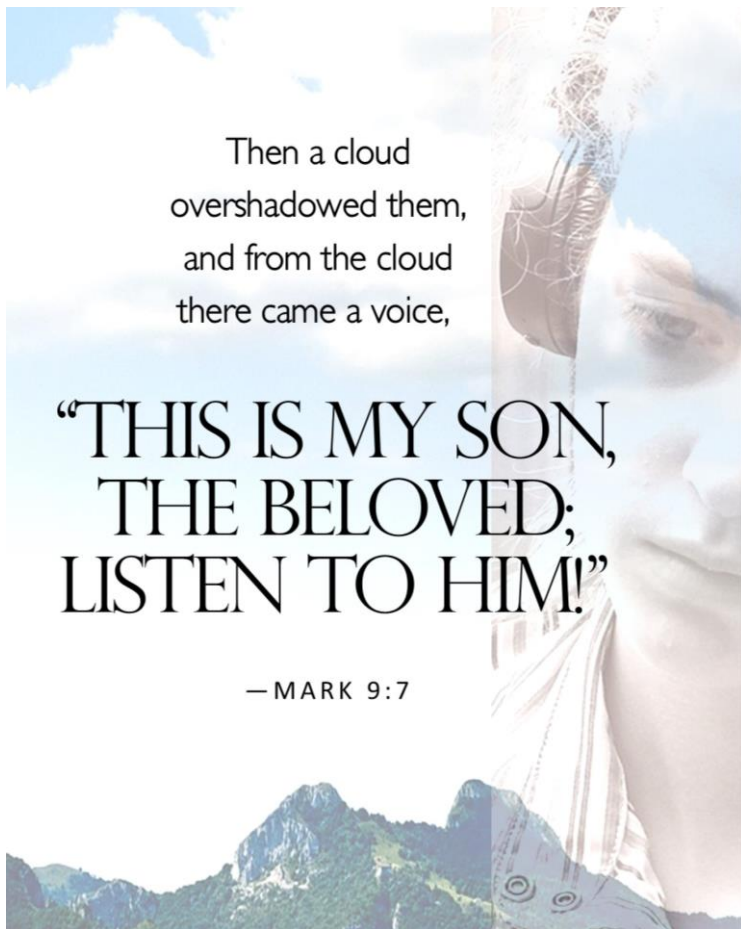


**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Then a cloud  
overshadowed them,  
and from the cloud  
there came a voice,

“THIS IS MY SON,  
THE BELOVED;  
LISTEN TO HIM!”

— MARK 9:7



February 11, 2024  
Transfiguration Sunday

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting      Announcements      Birthdays      Anniversaries*

PRELUDE: *“Prelude in E minor”*, J. S. Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Worship Ways* *\*(Stand as you are able.)*

Leader:    Gathering in this sacred place  
              We anticipate new wonders each week.

**People:    Wherever two or three are gathered to worship  
              A holy spirit is present.**

Leader:    Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love  
              and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed.  
              Even on this day, even in this place.

**People:    We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary.  
              But when we leave today may our hearts be open.  
              To all the wonders of God’s beautiful world.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #381 *“Open My Eyes, That I may see”*

**\*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)*

- Lavon Bayler

We come to you, gracious God, as a community of people who realize all is not well with us. We come longing for a wholeness that eludes us. At times, we flee from you. We are afraid to let you get too close. But today we dare to enter your presence with the intention of letting you heal us and draw us close. Hear us, O God, and be gracious to us. O God, be our helper. Turn our mourning into dancing, so our souls may praise you and not be silent. Touch us with your love. Amen.

*\*Gloria Patri #623 (Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #444 *"I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Choral Response: *"Hear our Prayer O Lord"*

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 9:2-9 #820

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "MOUNTAINTOPS"

**A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION and PRAYER -from Worship Ways

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Doxology *\*(Stand as you are able.)* #625 unison prayer of dedication  
praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above ye Heavenly host; \*\*  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*  
*(\*\*alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A TIME OF GOING OUT**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)*

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #533 *"O Perfect Love"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Voluntary"*, Walond

*(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)*



*Everyone is Welcome!*

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**Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host. If you are visiting for the first time, we are delighted to have you here!**

The Psalmist sings: *“Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise.”*  
We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend.

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

Pulpit Supply	Chaplain Amanda Nagy
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Lynn Hollstein, Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz

# Church News

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Palm Sunday, March 24 | Maundy Thursday, March 28  
Good Friday, March 29 | Easter, March 31

## **Hey Chocolate Lovers!**

The Preschool will be selling **Suzin L Chocolates for Easter**. If you are interested, the order form will be in the church office. All orders are due by March 6. Please make your check out to St. Peter's UCC Preschool. Candy can be picked up on March 19.

*Thank you for your support! -Wendy Kosakowski*



Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst  
Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

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## **Handbell Choir Rehearsal on Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 PM**

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## **Join Us for Ash Wednesday at 7 PM**

Please join us on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> for our Ash Wednesday service which begins our season of Lent, led by **Rev. Monica Harmon**. (*see bio below*)

Lent's three pillars are prayer, fasting and almsgiving—meaning that we're called to do more than just abstain from a particular food or activity. It involves not only what we're willing to give up, but what we're willing to take on. Think about what sort of commitment to prayer and charitable organization that you can commit yourself to during our 40 days and 40 nights of Lent.

## **Greetings!**

My name is Monica D. Harmon, as a native Clevelander I am an Alumnus of Myers College, Ashland Theological Seminary, and having completed my Clinical Pastoral Education residency at the Cleveland Clinic those illustrious intuitions and experiences prepared me for the new Associate Minister of UpCAM, I look forward to serving you.

As a believer, I have been serving the Cleveland area for many years in a variety of roles. As an ordained American Baptist minister, I worked as a hospice chaplain for several years and as an Associate Minister at East View United Church of Christ.

# Recycling Plastic Bags

The Amherst Leo Club, sponsored by the Amherst Lions Club, are recycling plastic bags through the TREX Recycling project. It takes 500 pounds to achieve the goal to receive a recycled bench. Let's help them to reach their goal for another bench! Thank you everyone.

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## Join our Bible Study! 7 PM, Tuesdays on Zoom

Please join us any Tuesday for an interesting discussion on the Bible. Everyone is welcome to participate in the comfort of your home! All the sign in credentials remain the same.

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# Help Feed our Children!

**THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**  
*for the* **CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM.**

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

Please leave your  
donations  
in the drop boxes  
at church.



We are also collecting 'regular food items' for families with food insecurities. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. *Thanks to Pam and everyone who donates.*

*“In this country that grows more food than any other nation on this earth, it is unthinkable that any child should go hungry.” -SELA WARD*

# YOGA with Mary-K

St. Peter's UCC, enter Chapel door to the lower level | Cost: \$10  
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM (arrive by 8:25 AM)  
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM (arrive by 5:55 PM)

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Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

Help us continue to move forward in faith by submitting your pledge card, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

“When leaving the church, please make sure to push the door closed. There have been times it’s left unlocked.” *Thank you!*

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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.

Join us LIVE on **Facebook: St. Peter's UCC Amherst, OH**

**Zoom: Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205**  
(or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099)

The service will be posted at a later date to view on our **YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst**



## This Week's Events

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- Mon., Feb. 12 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM  
Tues., Feb. 13 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM  
Wed., Feb. 14 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM  
**ASH WEDNESDAY, 7 PM – Rev. Monica Harmon**  
Thurs., Feb. 15 Handbell Rehearsal at 7 PM  
Fri., Feb. 16 No Preschool  
Sun., Feb. 18 Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Jim Cunningham

## How To Reach Us

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**Office Hours:** Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM and 1-2:30 PM  
Afternoons available by appointment with Pastor Chris

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*We are currently searching for a new pastor. If you need help, please contact either Christine or Kaye at the phone numbers below.*

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