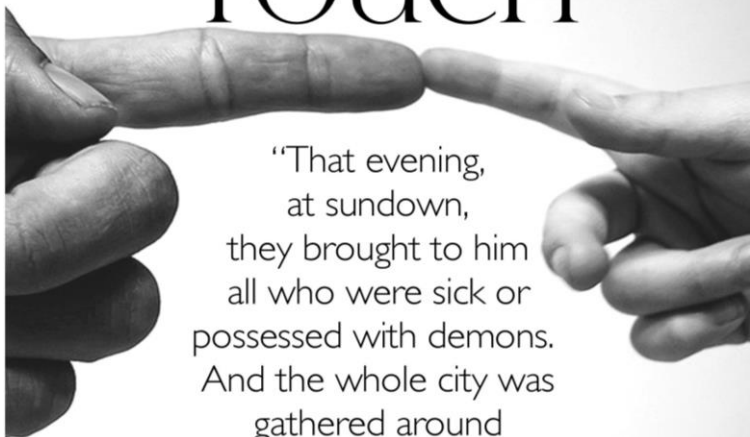




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE HEALING TOUCH



“That evening,
at sundown,
they brought to him
all who were sick or
possessed with demons.
And the whole city was
gathered around
the door.”

— MARK 1:32-33

February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Largo", Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP: -Lavon Bayler **(Stand as you are able.)*

Leader: Come to rejoice together; God is present with us.
Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.

**People: We are restored to life morning after morning.
We will extol our God, who lifts us up.**

Leader: Come to be washed and cleansed, forgiven and freed.
Renew your commitment to the One who calls us.

**People: We have come to listen for God's word with us.
We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

Leader: Come to enter the race for an imperishable goal.
Proclaim the joy of serving in God's name.

**People: We are here to find where God will send us.
We are ready to serve in Christ's name.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #87 "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"

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

- Worship Ways

Eternal God, Creator of the universe and then some.
We call on you, you who greet us here.
We give you thanks for making it possible to gather,
and to ponder your eternal mysteries.
Make us, creatures of this time and space,
ready collaborators with your endless grace. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #323 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 1:29-39 #813

HANDBELL CHOIR: *“How Great Thou Art”*,
Music by Stuart K. Hine, Arr. by Michael Helman

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “SEARCHING FOR QUIET”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION & THANKSGIVING –Lavon Bayler

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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION - Enfleshed

The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life together.

It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.

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And so we join with all the saints who have gone before in
gratitude for your abiding presence: *(cont’d. on next page, unison)*

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and presence
all that is, is full of your glory.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Love.**

Sacred is your presence and blessed is Christ with us.

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #375 *“Jesus Call Us”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Prelude in G minor”*, Bach

(Please remain seated “quietly” during the postlude.)

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Everyone is Welcome!

**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

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 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 | Cindy Bring |

Ushers

Earl Wiegand, Walter Beale
Tom Janas, Betty Pekare

Church News



Chaplain Amanda Nagy

We want to take this time to again welcome Amanda as she leads us in our morning worship. She will be back next Sunday, Feb. 11th.

Circle Six Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6 PM



Circle Six's next meeting is Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Our program is **Kitchen Yoga** presented by Mary-K Kirsch and the congregation is invited to join us. Circle Six members to bring healthy snacks to share.

"Kitchen" yoga adapts stretches and poses (asanas) from the kitchen counter, table and chairs to incorporate a simple practice into daily routines. Wear comfortable clothes, no mat or previous experience needed!

Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President

Coffee Chats

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

No Handbell Choir Rehearsal on Thursday, Feb. 8

Reminder - 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.

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.*



Click on the link below or copy it & paste into your browser to view a fun video presentation on the updating of the Sanctuary Lights. Thanks to all who made this happen!
<https://youtu.be/gelyDrxMuU>

And, a big Thank you to Gary Thompson!

We would like to give a shout out to Gary Thompson for taking the time to repair the stand for the 'Little Church'. Thanks Gary for all that you do and have done.

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.

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)

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!*



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

- Mon., Feb. 5 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
- Tues., Feb. 6 Circle Six, Kitchen Yoga by Mary-K, 6 PM
Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., Feb. 7 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Feb. 8 No Handbell Rehearsal
YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
- Sun., Feb. 11 Worship Service, 10 AM, Chaplain Amanda Nagy

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM and 1-2:30 PM

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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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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator
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