

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

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday:  
8:30 AM-12:30 PM and 1:00-2:30 PM

*"... but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."*

"FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER  
AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND." — 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

MAY 2024

THE KEY



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— MATTHEW 16:18-19

ST. PETER'S U.C.C.  
582 CHURCH STREET  
AMHERST, OH 44001



"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." —MATTHEW 6:28-29



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## WAITING FOR THE FEAST: 2024 Easter Series Roadmap

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the covering that is spread over all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,

"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

—Isaiah 25:6-9

"Patience is power.  
Patience is not an absence of action;  
rather it is "timing"  
it waits on the right time to act,  
for the right principles  
and in the right way."

— Fulton J. Sheen

**T**he fulfillment of a long-held hope can be startling and unsettling. When you receive what you have asked for, it may arrive unexpectedly. Elements may even be unwelcomed or disappointing. You may not have even recognized that the events before you are associated with the promise coming to fruition. Rather than celebration, you respond with doubt, questions, and fear.

Imagine being a person in the world experiencing the resurrection of Jesus Christ in real time. You have no framework or context to help you. You may, or may not, have been taught the



prophetic promises of a coming messiah, but that vision has been garbed in the garments of war, military

dominance, and conquest of reclaimed territory. The person who might be the one you've hoped for has just been executed by the state. Only...there are accounts circulating that he is not dead. You may be one of the early witnesses who has seen his person or heard his voice or touched his scars. You know, and it still seems impossible to imagine. Like Mary when she heard the invitation of the angel to participate in the incarnation, you may ask the question, "How can this be?"

From the pain of your grief, you may decide the "how" does not matter. It's the "why" that carries the significance. The why is an amazing and relentless love that refuses to abandon humanity or any part of creation to destruction and despair. The why is a covenant that will be kept no matter the cost to the Sovereign One who set the terms. The why is the hope of beloved community, harmony in creation, and the reign of God on earth. The why is a promise made repeatedly throughout the biblical narrative and captured specifically in the words of Isaiah 25.

It is time to rejoice and be glad. You've been *waiting for the feast*.

## Carol Struck

Guest Lay Minister | May 5 & 19, 2024

I have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. In 1965 I was married at what was then St. Paul UCC in Elyria, which is now called Community of Faith, since 3 churches have joined together. For 12 years my husband Bob and I lived in McCormick, SC where I took classes to become a lay minister through studies. I was a pastor at Bordeaux Church for six years, since they could not afford paying a minister and helped them to grow. Sharing with people, their Bible studies, and serving the Lord on Sundays became my important gift to them, until I moved back to Elyria two years ago. Hopefully, I will be able to help St. Peter's UCC in the coming months with God's leadership.



## Rev. Kathryn Ketchum

Guest Minister | May 26, 2024

Kathy grew up in Elyria, graduated from Centenary College in Louisiana, and then received her Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. She served United Methodist churches in the Louisiana Conference until 1996, when she returned to Ohio. *"The food and the people were wonderful! The heat, humidity and fire ants were NOT."*

Kathy transferred her ministerial orders to the UCC in 2001, serving Pilgrim church in Elyria, and working as a Christian counselor in a private practice. In 2016, she resigned from the practice, and became the full-time pastor at the newly formed Community of Faith UCC in Elyria. After her retirement last July, she has found every day brings something new.

*"God continues to intrigue, inspire and guide me in the ways of grace. I'm looking forward to sharing worship with St. Peter's!"*



Sunday,  
MAY 12

*Thank you God for  
all our Mothers!*

### Proverbs 31:25-28

She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.  
She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.  
She watches over the affairs of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her.

April 15  
2024

# 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 are on file and available for viewing in the Church Office.

President: Christine Burman	Congregational Rep: Susan Conkle
Vice President: Judy McCurdy	Congregational Rep: Kaye Koler
Past President: Mary-K Kirsch	Congregational Rep: Don Ramsey
Secretary: Tom Hollstein	Congregational Rep: Joan Whitman
Treasurer: Karel Schieferstein	Visitor: Sally Readinger



**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Christine Burman, who also offered a prayer.

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

- ONE CORRECTION to the March Minutes: Nataliia, of our Ukranian family, was incorrectly referred to as Natasha.

**MOTION MADE: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH COUNCIL MEETING, WITH CORRECTION AS NOTED. MOTION MADE BY TOM HOLLSTEIN AND SECONDED BY DON RAMSEY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Treasurer's Report: (Karel Schieferstein)**

- March 2024 Pass-throughs to be paid: \$115 for OCWM and \$376 for OGHS.
- Discussion ensued as to how our OCWM commitment of \$5,000 annually is determined. Christine will investigate and report back at next meeting.

**MOTION MADE: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$491 FOR MARCH 2024 PASS-THROUGHS. MOTION MADE BY JOAN WHITMAN AND SECONDED BY SUE CONKLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Financial Secretary's Report:**

- The Financial Secretary's report listed income for March as \$64,963.91. This included a one-time donation of \$50,000 from an anonymous donor.

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

- Visits to shut-ins are going well.
- Trying harder to get worship leaders without repeating.

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

- We will be filling shut-in bags for May, including adult coloring books.

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

- Easter lilies were purchased from Pandys since Petitti's was sold out. Since the lilies were of lower quality, Pandy's gave us a 50% reimbursement on the price.

### **Trustee Report: (Mary-K Kirsch)**

- We have received these estimates for renovation/repair of Fellowship Hall. Painting, Joe Simone: \$5,700. The painting is labor intensive since the old varnish must be stripped off prior to painting the wood. Wall damage repair, Norm Shinsky: Difficult to predict cost without actually starting repairs. He will bill at time + materials, and hopes to stay below \$2,500.
- Three bids have been received for stripping, waxing, and buffing of the floors this summer. Decision will be made when Geoff Gatz returns.
- Plans for paying are currently being reviewed.

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

- The bake sale went well.
- Profits from bake sale and coffee hour are currently donated for lawn care.

*“True success in this life comes in consecrating our lives—  
that is, our time and choices—to God’s purposes.  
In so doing, we permit Him to raise us to our highest destiny.”*

~D. Todd Christofferson

**Ushers’ Report: (Chris Burman for Al Murphy)**

- Thank you to the volunteers who have been responding to requests for ushers.
- Various utilities have been found running with no one present, lights on, water running, etc. Bill, our janitor, will keep a watch-out as he does his rounds.

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

- We continue to have challenges with different guest ministers, but it is manageable.
- Communication between video, audio, and live events needs to be improved. The Tech team will make recommendations.

**Fill-In Ministers: (President Christine Burman)**

- We are currently using “pulpit supply” from Living Waters Association.
- No responses yet from prospective pastors.
- Currently we are paying \$175 for each visiting pastor, which is a temporary financial benefit to our budget, compared to a full-time salary of thousands of dollars.

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

- Forms have been registered with Schwab so that we can transfer money more easily, and also allow better recording of transactions.
- We will re-negotiate the contract for the office copy machine for more favorable terms. The current contract is out of date and was actually entered without proper approval. In addition, some of the charges seem excessive for our situation.

**Miscellaneous: (President Christine Burman)**

- Had a successful practice run for the upcoming spaghetti dinner. We have met our goal of selling 100 tickets.
  - We will have a potluck dinner on May 19.
  - Another fund raiser dinner will be planned for June.
  - We will examine our bylaws in the near future, as they need to be corrected and updated.
  - Because of the upcoming renovations to Fellowship Hall and the uncertainty of the schedule, the rummage sale has been cancelled for this year.
  - Discussion ensued concerning the large video screen in the sanctuary. Opinions were divided on showing the names and/or pictures of internet viewers as we now do. Pros and cons were discussed on using it show words to the hymns. No decision was reached.
- MOTION MADE: MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY TOM HOLLSTEIN AND SECONDED BY KAYE KOLER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- Meeting ended at 8:21 PM with a prayer by Christine Burman.

**Respectfully submitted, March 19, 2024**

Tom Hollstein, Council Secretary



# MAY SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

5/5 John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

5/12 John 17:6-19

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

5/19 Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

5/26 John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him,

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# Get to Know Your Preschool Staff



How well do you know our preschool staff? We thought we'd change up the "Get to Know Your Neighbor" article to, "Get to Know Your Preschool Staff". We hope this article will bring us closer together in knowing more about our teachers, as we serve God as one family.

## Taylor Stempowski

Preschool Aide



Hello Everyone!

My name is Taylor Stempowski, I have been a preschool aide for three school years. I work two jobs, all based around children. I am a mom of two boys, Chase and Clayton. Chase is my oldest who is going into 6th grade and Clayton is going into 2nd grade. Our favorite things to do are going to parks and having movie nights. My boys are science nerds and they are my entire world. I have grown up in Amherst and attended Good Shepherd my entire life. I was baptized when I was seven years old, by my grandfather Pete Banks. My family is a close-knit family, we are based around God. My oldest has just gotten baptized by my



grandfather as well. I want my children to grow up appreciating what they have and knowing that without God we wouldn't have anything. The photo is from our Marvel Disney Cruise with my family.

"How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know

and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



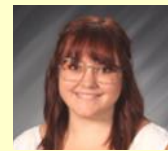
Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

# MAY

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

**W**e have had a very busy year at preschool. The children have worked on letters, numbers, colors, rhyming and their names. Everyone has had so much fun; it is hard to believe that it is coming to an end.

This month the children will learn the letters Mm, Dd, and Vv. They will also make something special for Mother's and Father's Day.

The children will end the school year with a picnic and performance on the church lawn. They will sing a few of

their favorite songs and receive their Preschool Diploma.

If you would like to register your child for preschool, please call 440-985-1972 for more information. There are only a few afternoon spots left for next school year.

**The Preschool Staff**

*Have a safe and wonderful summer!*



## 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.



## *Fellow Church Members,* **RUMMAGE SALE** **is CANCELLED**

Please note that the Rummage Sale that we had planned on Saturday, July 20th has been cancelled due to renovations in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions can be directed to Sue Conkle, or Geoff Gatz. Thank you.



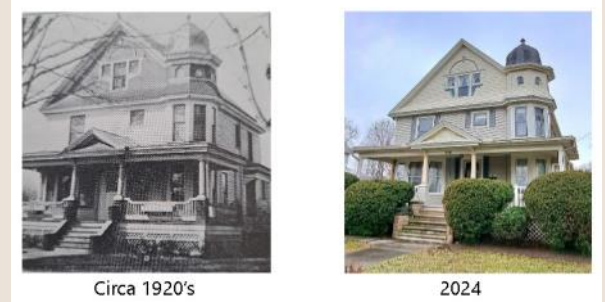
# GLIMPSES OF OUR PAST

April was the first, of what I hope you will find interesting, articles about St. Peter's. I will also try to have something for you in the bulletin each Sunday. Please enjoy and let me know of any topics you might like me to research. We do have a long and rich history and I am excited about sharing with you!

Linda Gatz  
Church Historian

## "St. Peter's Parsonage For Sale"

*Do you enjoy restoring old historic houses? Have you the desire to open your own B&B? Would you like to live within walking distance of St. Peter's U.C.C. and downtown Amherst? Here is your opportunity! Our former parsonage located at the corner of Church Street and Franklin is for sale. You can tell by the photographs that the outside has changed very little since the 1920s.*



Circa 1920's

2024

The lot the present house sits on (Sublot 106) was acquired for \$1200 by St. Peter's Church of Amherstville on June 3, 1867. In

searching through our records I know this was the location of the Parsonage for Rev. E. J. Soell and his family. His year's of service here were from 1923-1926. He, his wife and their son, Frederic, moved into the Parsonage on May 28, 1923. In March of 1924 their baby daughter, Phyllis Ruth, came home from the Amherst Hospital and was showered with gifts and good will by members of the congregation.

At their July 1925 meeting, the church leaders discussed selling the Parsonage and appointed a "Building Committee" to consider the matter and report back to Council and the congregation. At the August meeting the committee recommended: 1. Sell the present Parsonage for \$8,000; 2. Accept sealed bids to build a new Parsonage; 3. Build a new house on a new site for \$12,000. At the September 1925 meeting it was announced that they were unable to sell the Parsonage.

The next record on the Parsonage was dated April 4, 1931 which showed the sale of the Parsonage to Lewis and Dorothy Stephan. With the Depression; the New Parsonage being built; and the church in need of money, we can make an educated guess that the sale of the Old Parsonage would ease finances.

Then in 1967, with a church bursting in numbers, it was decided that an assistant minister was needed to help Rev. Happel. The Rev. Russell Behm was hired and Council repurchased the Old Parsonage as housing for him.

On June 27, 1976 a special meeting of the congregation voted to sell the Old Parsonage at 510 Church Street. They authorized the Church Council to accept the highest bid which was \$38,100. The property was transferred to the new owners, Theodore and Beth Engelhardt on October 1, 1976. And now you know at least in part, the story of this house.

**A special thank you to Tom Janas who went into Elyria and researched all the title transfers for 510 Church St.!**

## CIRCLE SIX MEETING

TUESDAY | MAY 7 | 6:00 PM

The May 7 Circle Six meeting will meet in the Fellowship Hall.  
Devotions by Sue Conkle.



# Potluck Dinner May 19!

Mark your calendar for our potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall on May 19<sup>th</sup> after worship. Bring your favorite dish to share. Great Food & Fellowship! Drinks will be provided and everyone is welcome.



## What a Successful Fundraiser!

*A very special Thank You* to everyone who helped or participated in the first fundraiser for our church! It was successful because so many people did things like cook, shop, plan, set up, serve, make tickets and flyers, and so much more. And, we had fun, too. Laughter was the key to doing the work, for we enjoyed what we were doing. From the practice session the week before (where most of the errors were ironed out) to the actual day of the dinner, everyone seemed to be having fun, knowing that the end result would benefit our church. It was not just the financial gain to the church, but the feeling of camaraderie and fellowship that was important. And, to those who bought the tickets, your support was also an important part of this venture. Our goal was to sell 100 tickets and we reached that goal. Fundraisers have become a way to increase the stewardship of any church, and we have a good start on future fundraisers. Please don't hesitate to offer your help with the next fundraiser.

—Christine Burman, Your Council President



### MAY EVENTS

- May 2 Compassionate Care, 10:30 AM  
Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
- May 5 Communion Sunday, Carol Struck  
Eagle Scout Ceremony (William Corbel)  
Hall/Sanctuary Rental 1:45-5:45 PM  
Geoff Gatz, Event Monitor
- May 7 Circle Six Meeting, 6 PM
- May 9 Preschool Board Meeting, 6:30 PM  
No Handbell Rehearsal
- May 12 Mother's Day**, Allen Cadwallader
- May 15 St. Elizabeth Homeless meal, 4:30 PM
- May 16 Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
- May 19 Pentecost Sunday, Carol Struck  
Strengthen the Church Offering
- May 20 Council Meeting, Zoom, 7 PM
- May 26 Rev. Kathryn Ketchum
- Spiritual Life:** 1-4 PM, Mondays
- Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays, 9 AM
- Coffee Chats:** Sandstone Coffee House  
Wednesdays 9-11:00 AM
- YOGA with Mary-K**  
St. Peter's lower level, Wednesdays,  
8:30-9:45 AM and Thursdays, 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, **May 15**, 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*



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

"TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS, THAT WE MAY GAIN A HEART OF WISDOM."

P S A L M 90 : 12

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|-------------------|--------|
| Jill Harmych      | May 02 |
| Tamara Selent     | May 04 |
| Lindsey Stumpp    | May 05 |
| James Woods       | May 06 |
| Lewis Zeller      | May 06 |
| Thomas Hollstein  | May 09 |
| Lois Barnes       | May 11 |
| Joyce Zickefoose  | May 11 |
| Janet Orseno      | May 21 |
| William Greenless | May 28 |
| Lori Kissling     | May 28 |
| Sharon Vollmer    | May 30 |

# Join us! Compassionate Care Meeting, May 2 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. If you have any questions regarding Compassionate Care, or would like to join our group please contact Joan.

## Do you believe in the power of Prayer?

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

Please call or email Joan or the office 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  
Judy Baker  
Lois Barnes  
Roger Becker  
Family of  
Fred Beiswenger  
Richard & Enda Berry  
Linda Brown  
Shane & Todd Brown,  
sons of Linda Brown

Family of Joyce Darakis  
Tudy Diaz  
Valentino Dziak  
Don Flock  
Bob Hennes, nephew  
of Joan Whitman  
Jim Koler  
Denise Kropp,  
Joan Whitman's niece  
Family of Don Krueck

Jean Marsh  
Bev Mischka  
Glenn Miskov  
Audrey Montgomery  
Darlene Mudrich  
Carol Murphy  
June Nau & Family  
Serita Reyes  
Sharon  
Janet Siron

Sue Smith  
Sherry Spratt  
The family of  
Mary Ann Sterna  
Jean Swift & Family  
Elaine Thompson  
Gloria Versace



St. Peter's UCC

## FOOD pantry

In April,  
we collected

# 152

food items!

## Can you help?

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.

Suggestions for the  
Weekend Children's  
Backpack Program:

- 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 and/or Pretzels**
- Fruit Cups | Jello Cups**

*St. Peter's Helping feed the hungry!*



# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Office Phone:** (440) 988-4965  
**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday  
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
12:30 - 1 PM lunch

We are currently searching for a new pastor. If you need help, please contact Christine Burman, our Council President or Kaye at the phone numbers or email below. Thank you.



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**Office Administrator**  
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**Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM | Sunday School: 10:00-11:00 AM**

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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.

*Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your estate planning. Thank you!*