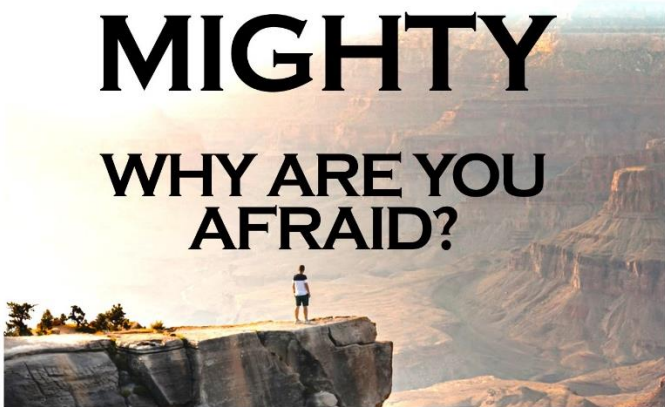




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SMALL BUT MIGHTY

WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?



“...but I come to you in the name of the
Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of
Israel, whom you have defied.

This very day the Lord will deliver you into
my hand, and I will strike you down...”

June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PASTOR: *"This is the day the lord has made. let us rejoice
and be glad in it."*

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Stand as you are able.)* Sally Reader

Leader: Good morning! I bet you're here because it's too hot
to work in the yard or play golf.

**People: Good morning! And you're mistaken, my friend.
We're here to celebrate the faithfulness of God.
Though the hydrangeas are wilting in the heat, we
are refreshed by God's Spirit, and the love shared
with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Join us in
praise for God's loving presence, which will see us
through to cooler days. Alleluia! Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #108 *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Sally Reader

Holy God, there are times when we are confident and certain of
your care for us. We see the evidence; we feel blessed assurance.
But there are also times when circumstances seem overwhelming,
and we are tempted to surrender to our fear, and allow despair
to darken our days. In those times, remind us of your love for us.
Remind us of your constant presence and unwavering care,
regardless of the anxiety that swirls around us because of the
circumstances. Call us to remember nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri #623*

(Please be seated)

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #347 *“Be Still My Soul”*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

Choral Response: *“Spiritual Amen”*

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 SAMUEL 17:1, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 #227

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 4:35-41 #816

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: REV. KATHRYN KETCHUM

A TIME OF GIVING

PASTOR: OFFERING INVITATION

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Prayer Medley”*

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)*

PASTOR: OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

PASTOR: THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #47 *“God Will Take Care of You”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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



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

Guest Minister	Rev. Kathryn Ketchum
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Sally Readinger
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes, Don Ramsey, Geoff Gatz

Church News

Summer Hospitality Host/Hostess

There will be a signup sheet outside the church office for anyone willing to host a Sunday Coffee Hour in June, July, or August. The donations will go towards the beautification of the church grounds. Thank you to volunteers and donors!



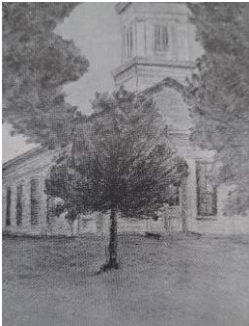
Rev. Amanda Nagy

We are pleased to welcome back Amanda as she leads us in worship next Sunday, June 30th. Amanda is an ordained UCC minister and serves as the Chief of Chaplain Service at VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Did you ever wonder about how St. Peter's came to be? What did our church look like? Who were the people who founded it?

We can trace the beginnings of our church back to a group of German folks who came to North Amherst; Black River and Russia Townships. They came because of the promise of opportunity. They were hard working, and cleared the land known as the "Lorain Woods" and later many worked in the stone quarries. When they arrived, the town had two English speaking churches; one Methodist and one Congregational. They brought with them their Evangelical faith and wanted to establish the church of the "Good News". A group of them



met in the Temperance Hall in a house owned by William Braun and they had many times passed a motion to build a church, but nothing came of it. Finally, in the spring of 1857, they were ready, and 50 men pledged to buy land and build a church at a cost of about \$700. The actual building of the church was a community project and not a denominational one. It measured 32' x 42' and was dedicated on October 13, 1857. On the left is a drawing of the first St. Peter's.



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

*This is in response to your inquiry about the finances
of St. Peter's Church and Preschool.*

The Living Water Association has conducted an investigation into our finances and concluded that:

All and any funds raised specifically for the preschool are in place to be used for the benefit of the preschool and have not been misappropriated by the church.

There has always been an understanding that any money generated by fund raisers would be USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN OF THE PRESCHOOL. Again, the money raised by parents as Preschool Fundraisers IS STILL AVAILABLE to the preschool for the benefit of the children.

Going forward, in order to maintain total transparency with the new Preschool Administration, the Church and the parents, any fundraisers will be made with a SPECIFIC purpose stated. If any money remains after the use of the money for which it was originally intended, the parents will be notified and that money will be carried in the Preschool Fundraiser Fund for future purposes that will specifically benefit the CHILDREN OF THE PRESCHOOL.

Thank you for your interest in St Peter's Church Preschool. We look forward to a program of excellence as we prepare for the 2024-25 school year with our new Administration and staff.

*Thanks,
St. Peter's Church Council*

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

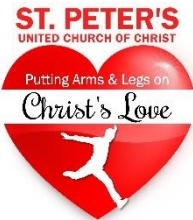
Please leave your donations
in the drop boxes
at church.



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. Thank you Pam and everyone for all you do helping others!

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

“When leaving 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., June 24	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., June 25	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., June 26	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Thurs., June 27	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
Sun., June 30	Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Amanda Nagy

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

How To Reach Us

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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!
For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your estate planning.