



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

— LUKE 7:47-48

THIS
Jesus



THEREFORE, I TELL YOU, HER SINS, WHICH WERE MANY, HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN; HENCE SHE HAS SHOWN GREAT LOVE. BUT THE ONE TO WHOM LITTLE IS FORGIVEN, LOVES LITTLE.’ THEN HE SAID TO HER, ‘YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN.’

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth 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.)*

Leader: We will sing about our Lord's love and forgiveness.

People: We will proclaim our love to all generations.

Leader: The Heavens praise your wonders.

People: For who can compare with our Lord's work?

Leader: Who among the Heavenly beings is like the Lord?

**People: We your children only wish to serve you Lord
and be faithful forevermore. AMEN.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #345 *"Blessed Assurance"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Terry Deliman

Be with us this morning Lord as we share your words of faith and trust. We know you are good to us all the time and have faith that your will shall be done according to your plan for us. Tell us what we must do to have everlasting goodness here on earth. Be with us in times of pain and sorrow. Help us enjoy our happiness and joy being good disciples following your commandments and forgiving others for what they do, without thinking good thoughts first. In your name we pray and praise your name. AMEN.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #380 *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD Terry Deliman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 103:1-5 #482

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 7:44-49 #840

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "CAN WE FORGIVE?"

PASTORAL PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A TIME OF GIVING

PASTOR: OFFERING INVITATION

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)*

PASTOR: 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: #372 "Living for Jesus" vs. 1 & 4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(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

Guest Lay Minister	Carol Struck
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Terry Deliman
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Judy McCurdy Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

Church News

Summer Hospitality BRUNCH!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the host/hostess program this summer. Today we will be having a brunch after the service. Volunteers have brought more than just donuts.
Everyone is welcome! - *Christine Burman, Council President*

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Have you wondered about how our church sought pledges in the past? Some of the methods were very different from what we do today. An example of one from the early days of St. Peter's appears below.

On the November Sunday of Every Members Canvass the pastor preached a sermon prepared especially around giving to the church. The people doing the canvassing were commissioned during the service for their task of obtaining pledges from the congregation for "Current Expenses" and "Benevolences" for the next year. Members were urged to be at home that afternoon to cheerfully receive the pair of canvassers. Then the church members received a copy of the budget for the upcoming year.



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

Circle Six Meeting - Potluck Picnic!

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. We'll be having a Potluck Picnic so members should bring a dish to share, their own beverage and place setting. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

God Bless, Sally Readinger, President

Hear the Bells Ring!

The Handbell Choir will be holding their first rehearsal starting Sept. 5 at 7:00 PM. We look forward to seeing everyone! *Thank you, Shelley Harmych*

YOGA with Mary-K

Yoga is off on Thursdays through August.

After an August hiatus, Thursday yoga resumes in September.

Wednesday 8:30 am - 9:45 am and Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm.

For the rest of August and September we will begin some light weight training to build muscle and burn fat. And we will continue doing our favorite core yoga poses.

"In fact, practicing yoga has been shown to have a calming effect on the body, with many poses providing stress-relieving effects. According to [Harvard Medical School](#), 'by reducing perceived stress and anxiety, yoga appears to modulate stress response systems. This, in turn, decreases physiological arousal – for example, reducing the heart rate, lowering blood pressure, and easing respiration.'"

- from <https://livelovefruit.com/12-yoga-poses-for-anxiety-stress-depression/>

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.



Thank you!

We are also collecting 'regular food items' for families. There is a **GREAT NEED** for the following items for the Food Pantry:

1. Peanut Butter
2. Spaghetti Sauce
3. Canned Tuna or Chicken

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 for all you do in helping others!

September Guest Ministers

Sept. 1 Rev. Alana Kelley

Sept. 8 Rev. Jim Cunningham

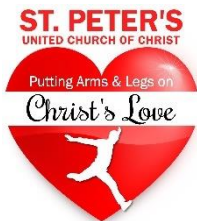
Sept. 15 Carol Struck

Sept. 22 Rev. Dr. Don Nichols

Sept. 29 Carol Struck

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

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| Mon., Aug. 26 | Communion Visits, 1-4 PM |
| Tues., Aug. 27 | Preschool Parent Orientation, 5:30-6:30 PM
Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM |
| Wed., Aug. 28 | YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM |
| Thurs., Aug. 29 | Preschool Kids' Open House 4-6:00 PM
YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM |
| Sun., Sept. 1 | Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Alana Kelley
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 9 AM, choir room |

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

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

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