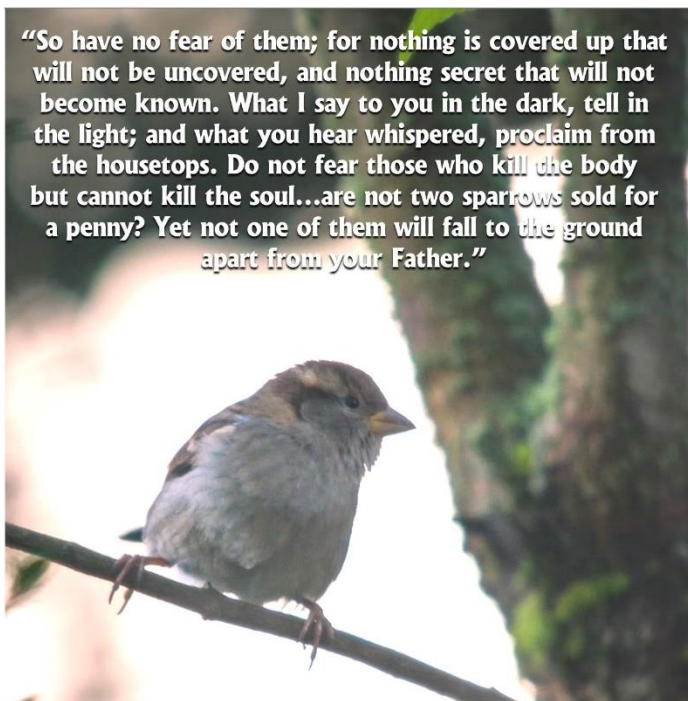




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DO NOT BE AFRAID

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul...are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.”



October 13, 2024

Twenty-First 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: *"Trumpet Tune", Purcell*

*CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Stand as you are able.)* Stacy Gleason

Leader: Divine Parent, you feel what we feel.

People: Our joys and our pains are yours too.

Leader: Divine Healer, you delight in our wholeness.

People: You are the balm for our heavy-laden hearts and souls.

Leader: Giver of life, you are able to renew us

People: We open ourselves to you, have your way within us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #25 *"Immortal, Invisible"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Litany)* Stacy Gleason

Stacy will read the plain text and the congregation will read the bold italic.

Gracious God, you have brought us from the rest of the night,
***to the light of this day, to the guiding light of your
eternal presence.***

Caring God, we gather to hear the sound of your praise.

***We come from the busy-ness of our daily lives which is
sometimes messy as well.***

Creating God, we gather in this place where your glory dwells.

***You have been with us in the sticky bits and the smooth,
even when we have felt too burdened or busy to notice.***

Sustaining God, we gather to worship you.

***We come to be renewed in your lovingkindness and
strengthened by your faithfulness.***

Amen

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri* #623

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #423 *"There is a Balm in Gilead"*

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD Stacy Gleason

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JOB 23:1-9, 16-17 #409

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 10:17-31 #791

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"We are Family"* (see insert)

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "ARE YOU SERIOUS, JESUS?"

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.

Choral Response: #614 *"Hear Our Prayer O Lord"*

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: #27 *"Tell Out My Soul"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Moderato"*, Handel

(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 Minister	Rev. Alana Kelley
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Stacy Gleason
Ushers	Shelley Harmych, Judy McCurdy, Gary Thompson, Geoff Gatz

Pastor Alana will be returning on Oct. 27th!

Remember to turn in your 2025 pledge cards and Time and Talent card by mail or in the offering plate. They will be consecrated on Oct. 27th. Thank you.

Church News

Ponderings about St. Peter's

At the front of the sanctuary are two flags. One is the American Flag and the other is the Christian Flag. I'm sure you learned about our country's flag in school, but do you know the story of the Christian Flag?

On September 26, 1897, when the guest speaker at a Sunday school kick-off event failed to show up, Charles C. Overton, a Sunday school superintendent stepped up to save the day. Having nothing prepared, and looking at the American flag on the stage, he began speaking about flags and their symbolism. He included in his remarks that he thought that Christians should have a flag. In 1907 Overton and Ralph Diffendorfer designed the Christian flag we have today. The colors in the flag are the same as the American flag. The white represents purity & peace; blue stands for fidelity; and red indicates Christ's blood sacrifice. There is also a pledge to the flag that was written later, which has been revised several times. See what you think of it.

"I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe."

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesdays 8:30-9:45 AM | Thursdays 6:00-7:15 PM

Please join us! Our classes will meet in the lower level of St. Peter's Church. Please arrive by 8:25 AM for the morning class, and by 5:55 PM for the evening class. Enter the door by the Chapel.

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.

Circle Six Pumpkin Roll Time!

It's that time of year again when Circle Six will be baking their delicious pumpkin rolls. Order forms can be found in your bulletin or in the church office. Please please please take care when filling out your order form so there are no questions and be sure you know in advance how many you'll need.

Completed order forms can be put in the offering plate or in the church office. The number of pumpkin rolls available for purchase will be limited and orders **MUST** be received prior to baking and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. We will be **baking on Saturday, November 2nd and Friday, November 8th**. They will be wrapped for the freezer and ready for **pick-up on Sunday, November 3rd or 10th**.

Also, Circle Six's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, **November 5th at 6:00** in Fellowship Hall. Our program for this meeting will begin at 6:30 and will focus on Seniors and Mental Health presented by Bob Piovarchy, a Licensed Therapist with Far West Center in Westlake. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. Circle Six members will provide finger snacks to share.

Preschool's Dine to Donate Today!

Please stop by Texas Roadhouse in Elyria today. Anyone that dines there today and lets them know that they're there for the St. Peter's UCC Preschool, a portion of those sales will be donated to the preschool. Thanks for helping! Heidi Chambers

Roast Beef Dinner, Oct. 26, 4-6:30 pm, Carry-Out

A \$15 ticket includes roast beef, potato, vegetable, salad, bread & butter, and dessert. Tickets will be available for purchase after each Sunday Service or at the church office Mon.-Fri., 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. Thank you for supporting St. Peter's UCC!

Also, sports blankets are for sale at \$50 each and can be purchased. Proceeds go to church improvements fund. Please see Christine.

Get ready to pack a Christmas Shoebox. Please consider this way of showing God's love. Get your boxes & return by Nov. 22nd. Questions, contact Linda Gatz – **984-3552**.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter 2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

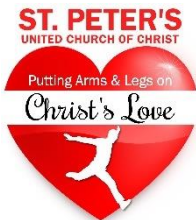
Wednesday, Oct. 16th, we need volunteer(s) to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please call **Betty Pekare at 440-245-1231**.



United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries

Each year, one Sunday is designated on the UCC church calendar as Access Sunday. This

Year October 13, 2024 is the day. The United Church of Christ (UCC) will join together and celebrate the gifts of persons with disabilities (PWD's) and the strides that the church has made in being more inclusive and becoming more accessible to all. It is also a day that we, the church, acknowledges the journey yet to be taken with our siblings with disabilities. Join your UCC friends around the country in celebrating Access Sunday today!



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

Please remember to mail in or drop your pledge card in the offering plate for Consecration Sunday on Oct. 27th.

Mon., Oct. 14	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., Oct. 15	Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
Wed., Oct. 16	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM St. Elizabeth Homeless Meal, 4:30 PM
Thurs., Oct. 17	YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Sun., Oct. 20	Worship Service, 10 AM, Rev. Jim Cunningham Choir Rehearsal, 9 AM, downstairs choir room

How To Reach Us

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

Address: 582 Church St. Amherst OH 44001

Website: www.stpetersamherst.org

Phone: 440-988-4965

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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president@stpetersamherst.org 440-522-8035

Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator
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For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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