



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

*Fred Beiswenger    Donald Flock*  
*Don Kueck    Beverly Mischka*  
*Mary Ann Storna*

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”  
Matthew 5:1-12**

**November 3, 2024**

**Twenty-Fourth 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: *"Air"*, Handel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *\*(Stand as you are able.)* Vicki Zeller

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Brief silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Leader: Most merciful God,

**People: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #546 *"For All the Saints"*

\***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** (*Unison*) Vicki Zeller

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray...

**People: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Please be seated)**

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Fred Beiswenger, Donald Flock, Don Krueck,  
Beverly Mischka, Mary Ann Sterna

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #277 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD** Vicki Zeller

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 25:6-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 11:32-44

HANDBELL CHOIR: *"Going Home"*, Antonin Dvorak, arr. Karen Roth

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "RAGS TO RICHES"

**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, forever 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

## **TIME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION** *led by Spiritual Life*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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PASTOR: PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## **A TIME OF GOING OUT**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #76 *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Psalm XIX"*, Marcello

*(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)*

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*Everyone is Welcome!*

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**Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host. If you are visiting for the first time, we are delighted to have you here!**

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

Guest Minister

Organist

Zoom Director

Zoom Assistant

Worship Producer

Handbell Choir Director

Choir Director

Scripture Reader

Ushers

Chris Neumann

Allen Cadwallader

Mary K. Kirsch

Tom Hollstein

Brian Schieferstein

Shelley Harmych

Jennifer Wasilk

Vicki Zeller

Linda Gatz, Geoff Gatz

Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

# Church News

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## **Congregational Meeting, November 10th**

All open positions for church officers in 2025 have been filled by nominees. Election voting will take place at the Annual Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be in attendance if you're able. *Thank you, Christine Burman, Council President.*

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St. Peter's will be accepting donations for the Good Shepherd's Thanksgiving Food Baskets. If you're able, please donate the following. **Stuffing, Instant Potatoes, and Gravy (bottled or canned).**

We are also still accepting items for the Children's Backpack Program and regular food items as listed in the KEY. *Thank you!*

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## **Ponderings about St. Peter's**

*A previous "Ponderings" covered the symbolic representation about St. Peter, the inverted cross and the keys. Do you know any of the other Apostle's symbols? What about St. John?*



The shield of St. John shows a chalice with a serpent, "the cup of sorrow" foretold in Matthew 26:39.

There was an attempt to poison John, but the Lord saved him. Many attempts to kill John were made throughout his life, however, he was the only Apostle who was not martyred and died a natural death. An eagle is also used to represent John. The eagle dwells the closest to heaven. It alludes to John being exiled to the Island of Patmos where he wrote the Book of Revelation. John, the disciple "whom Jesus loved" wrote a Gospel, Revelation and three Epistles.

## **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**.

**Circle Six's next meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, November 5th at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**. Our program for this meeting will begin at 6:30 pm 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.

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**There are still Christmas Shoeboxes.** Choose a boy or girl, decide what age, shop, add your donation and return your special box to the church by November 22nd. Questions? Call Linda, 440-484-3552. Thank you!

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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.

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)

**YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst**



## **T h i s   W e e k ' s   E v e n t s**

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- Mon., Nov. 4 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
- Tues., Nov. 5 Circle Six Meeting, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM Mental Health Program by Bob Piovarchy  
No Preschool  
Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., Nov. 6 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Nov. 7 Compassionate Care Meeting, 10:30 AM, Fireside  
YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM  
Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Fri., Nov. 8 Circle Six baking pumpkin rolls
- Sun., Nov. 10 Worship Service, 10 AM Pickup your pumpkin rolls

## **H o w   T o   R e a c h   U s**

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

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