



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

...HAVE
faith!

FOR TRULY I TELL YOU, IF YOU HAVE FAITH THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED, YOU WILL SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'MOVE FROM HERE TO THERE,' AND IT WILL MOVE; AND NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU."



Jan. 19, 2025 | Second Sunday after Epiphany

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: *"Panis Angelicus"*, Cesar Franck

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Mike Boehm

Pastor: People of faith, gather into the temple of our God and King.

People: Gather to hear the Word which strengthens us and makes us whole.

Pastor: Gather to hear the blessed assurance: that we are His children, and the sheep of His pasture.

People: "For God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son." Praise everlasting to the God of all creation. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #206** *"There is a Redeemer"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Penny Knepper

Holy God of all peoples and nations, enter into our hearts and give us the courage to look inside ourselves. For we are often vain and self-righteous, professing things that we don't really understand, simply because they are ingrained in us from our youth. Help us examine and assess our faith with objective minds so that we may discover our true worth in Your eyes. Help us understand the things that Jesus taught, so that we may truly do "what Jesus would do". This we pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Choral Response: *"Gloria Patri"* #623

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #177 *“What Wondrous Love is This”*

PRAYERS & CONCERNS 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE: *“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”*

TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD Penny Knepper

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JOB 1: 13–21 #392

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 17:14-21 #798

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Perfect Peace”*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: *“Spafford Faith”*

A TIME OF GIVING

PASTOR: OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *“Sing Praise to God”*, The Bohemian Brethren
/ arr. Edward Broughton

*Doxology #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.

*(**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.)

CHORAL RESPONSE: #602 *“God Be With You”*

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #286 *“Blest Be the Tie”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”*

Franz Joseph Haydn / arr. Robert J. Hughes

(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. Mike Boehm

Organist

Zoom Director

Mary K. Kirsch

Zoom Assistant

Tom Hollstein

Worship Producer

Brian Schieferstein

Handbell Choir Director

Shelley Harmych

Scripture Reader

Penny Knepper

Ushers

Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes,

Luena Beale, Walter Beale

Church News

Pastor Mike (never Michael!) Boehm was born in the city of Parma, Ohio, too long ago. He graduated from Parma High School in 1970 and went on to Cleveland State University, but dropped out in his third year. He completed his college degree in 1990, receiving a BA in History from Cleveland State. In 1997 after discerning a call to the ministry he entered the Methodist Theological Seminary in Delaware, Ohio, while simultaneously taking his first church in Chatham, Ohio. Over the past 27 years he has served five churches in three states, retiring in 2022 into “Retired/Active” standing with the Living Water Association.

Pastor Mike has been married to his beloved wife Cindy for 39 wonderful years. He has two grown children and three grandchildren, all of whom live here in Ohio. He is interested in fishing, oil painting, model trains and Civil War History (don't get him started on that one!)

Help Feed our Children!



Needed items for **CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM**

- . Single Serving PB & Jelly
- . Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)
- . Oatmeal Packages
- . Peanut Butter Crackers
- . Individual Cereals
- . Small Bag Pretzels
- . Canned Soup (Pop top lids)
- . Granola Bars
- . Small Bag Chips
- . Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)
- . Fruit Cups & Jello Cups

There's 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!

Ponderings About St. Peter's



Lena Menz

As you pass through the vestibule doors at the back of the sanctuary, the ones with the stained-glass crosses, have you ever wondered about how they came to be there? In 1957 they were presented to the church at a special service on November 24th. They were given by the Lee Menz Family in memory of his mother "Lena" Magdeline H. Menz (1858-1933) and his aunt Miss Mary E. Lersch (1860-1950).

**Approach the New Year with resolve
to find the opportunities hidden in each
new day. –Michael Josephson**

Circle Six Meeting

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. At 7:00 pm John Kowalski will be providing live music in the Sanctuary. The congregation is invited to attend as well as friends and family. Members are asked to bring finger foods to share in Fellowship Hall following the program. *Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President*

**...the purpose of the Christian faith is simple:
it is not an evacuation plan to heaven but a transformation
plan on earth, a transformation plan built on the strategy
of helping people become loving human beings who build
loving societies, following the loving example of JESUS...
After 2,000 years...it's about time for the Christian religion
to get serious about its prime directive. –Brian McLaren**

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.



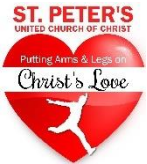
New! Altar Guild Flower Signup

Starting in 2025, you can sign up for ANY Sunday to have flowers on the altar. There are signs hanging by the entrance doors on both sides of the Sanctuary explaining the process.

Call Kaye to get added to the calendar!

Remember, the front steps to the sanctuary will be closed January and February. Thank you.

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

What's Happening

This Week's Events

- Mon., Jan. 20 Spiritual Life visitations throughout the week
Church Council Meeting, 7 PM, Zoom
- Tues., Jan. 21 Bible Study 7 PM
- Wed., Jan. 22 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Jan. 23 YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Sun., Jan. 26 Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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