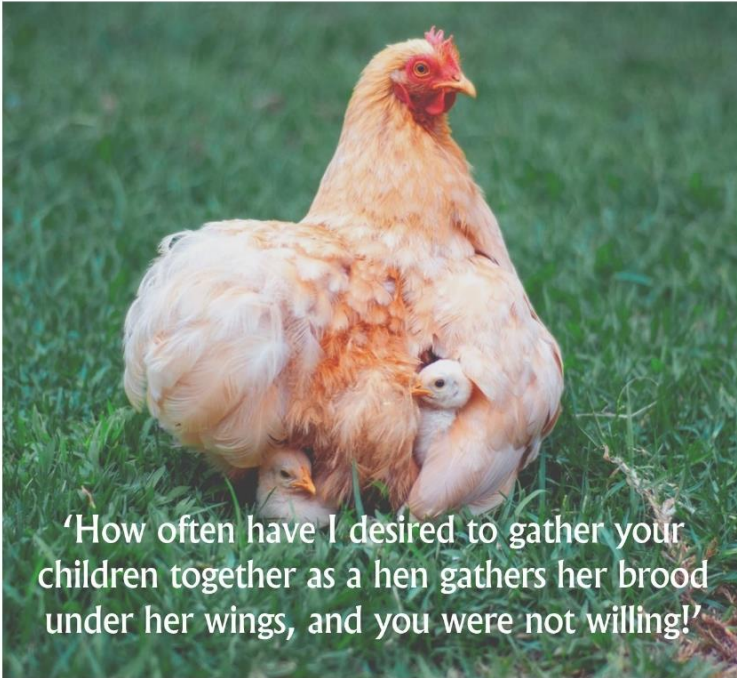




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He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.



‘How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!’

March 16, 2025 | Second Sunday in Lent

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: *"O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß", BWV 622*
Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)* Susan Cherry

Leader: We are on a journey of faith.

People: It is an adventurous journey.

Leader: Jesus is our leader and our guide.

People: We place our trust in him.

Leader: The daylight hours grow longer.

People: Our journey takes on an urgency.

Leader: We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem.

People: Sometimes we fear what awaits in Jerusalem.

Leader: Do not fear! God goes before us,
into Jerusalem, into the world.

People: O God, we trust you. We love you. Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #427 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Susan Cherry

God, We hear your call. We hear you call us each by name.
You call us to walk with you. You ask us to keep up and not lag
behind. You suggest we look deeply into our souls, past our fears.
You ask us to let go of those things that are holding us back.
Holding us back from being who you created us to be. Thank you
for wanting our best. Amen

Choral Response: "*Gloria Patri*" #623

(Please be seated.)

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #185 "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*"

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.

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1 -Sue Cherry
from The Message

PSALM 27 adapted from The Message -Rev. Carol Vaccariello
(see insert, Pastor regular font, people bold font)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35 -Rev. Carol Vaccariello
from The Message

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "*Cunning Fox Meets Loving Hen*"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: "*Baptism*", Robert Nathaniel Dett 1882-1943

*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication

PASTOR: OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

#602 "God Be With You" vs. 1 (sung by congregation)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #461 "He Leadeth Me"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "VII. Postlude in F Major", Opus 28
Christian Cappelen 1845-1916

(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. Carol Vaccariello
Organist	Daesean Lawson
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Susan Cherry
Ushers	Walter Beale, Luena Beale, Shelley Harmych, Don Ramsey

Church News

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 23

The Search and Call Team has conducted an interview with Pastor Mike Boehm and made recommendations to Council who also approved the call. We will be having a Congregational Meeting following worship on March 23, 2025. The Pastor Mike Boehm will be preaching his sermon this day to respond to this call. He has indicated a desire to be our part time pastor. If he has an affirmative vote, he will officially start April 1, 2025 with a six-month contract. Please make sure to be in church that Sunday so your vote can count. We will also have a One Call on Sat., March 22nd as a reminder. During our Congregational Meeting following worship on March 23, we will offer each member an opportunity to ask questions of the Search and Call Team and to vote on the call to our new pastor.



Annual Good Friday Breakfast at Penny Knepper's

Everyone is invited! Good Friday, April 18th
from 9-11 AM. Great food and fellowship!
6421 South Dewey Rd, Amherst

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Wednesday, March 19, we need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare.

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

This is the third in our series of interviews conducted by the Confirmation class of 1987. Although this tape was difficult to hear I will be sharing the high points, and it seemed that there was a lot of wisdom shared that is lost to us but hopefully benefited Matt. These are the highlights of Matt Standen's interview with Helen Hollstein.

Helen was confirmed in 1931 and had 18 members in her class. She recalled having to do a lot of memorizing and filling out answers to questions that were in her catechism book. She brought the book and the notebook she made for class for Matt to see. Some of their lessons involved learning the 10 Commandments and what they meant, and memorizing Bible verses. Confirmation classes were two hours long. After the Confirmation service they had a formal picture taken. Helen's advice to this young man was to remember to read your Bible and to pray daily. You can never know enough about religion.

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.

Please continue to keep Nataliia and her kids in your prayers and support during these challenging times. You can help by financial contributions to them - placing money or a check in an envelope with the designation "Natasha" and the church will pass through directly to her. Or if you personally want to send a gift, ask Kaye or me for her address.

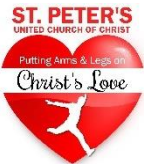
Thank you, Mary-K

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once.

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.



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



T H I S W E E K ' S E V E N T S

- Mon., Mar. 17 Spiritual Life visitations throughout the week
St. Patrick's Day
- Tues., Mar. 18 Bible Study 7 PM
- Wed., Mar. 19 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Mar. 20 YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Handbell Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Sun., Mar. 23 Worship Service 10 AM, Pastor Mike Boehm

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