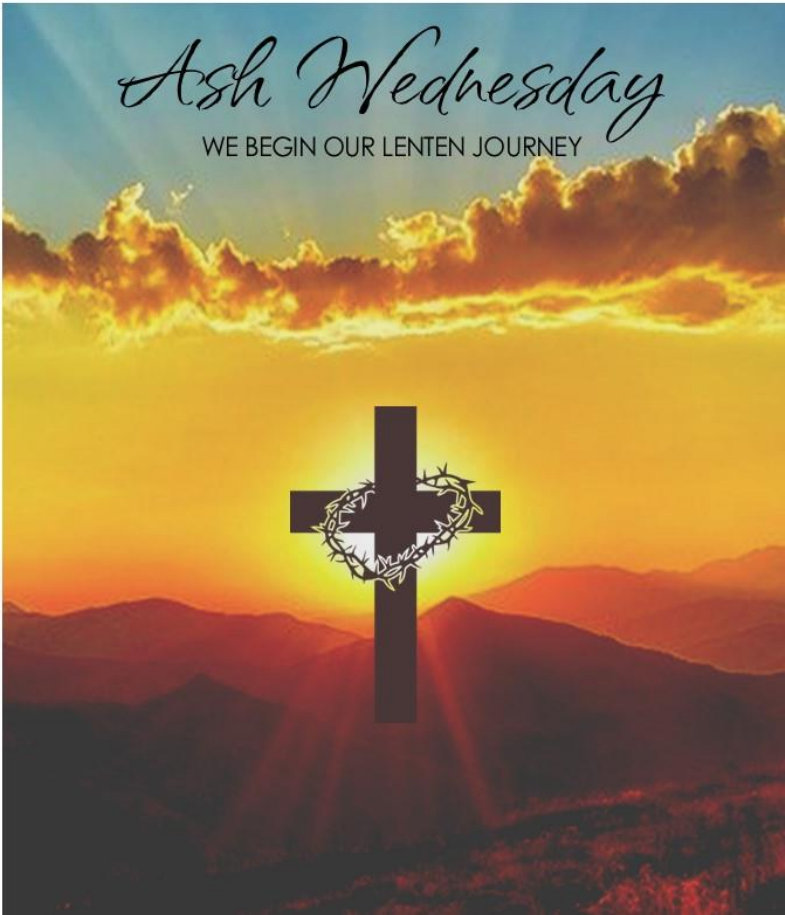




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Ash Wednesday
WE BEGIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

March 5, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE: *"O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig"*, BWV 618
Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Words of Welcome

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

-Pastor Mike

Leader: Come all ye sinners; thou heavily laden with
your burden. Bring your sins before God.

**People: For God has promised us that though our sins
be as scarlet, they will be washed white
by the grace of our God.**

Leader: Repent and be cleansed! For God is not pleased
by physical suffering, but by a penitent heart.

**People: Let your hearts kneel before the One who promises
redemption. Stand proud in praise of He who keeps
His promises, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN #202 *"Amazing Grace"*

(Please be seated)

EVENING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)* -Don Ramsey

God of all majesty and glory; God of the cosmos and beyond, we
are weak and undeserving of Your grace. But only say the word
and we shall be cleansed. Forgive us the indiscretions of the
past, and set our feet upon the right paths that lead us to You.
For sin is inherent in our souls and has become so routine to us
that we often sin automatically, without really thinking about it.
Heighten our awareness of Your teachings, presented to us by
the teachings of the one Who paid for our sins with His life. In
the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

(Stand as you are able.)

*HYMN #262 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please be seated)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

-Don Ramsey

PSALM 51: 1-4 #452

MATTHEW 6: 1- 6, 16-21 #787

*Choral Response: *"Gloria Patri"* #623

SERMON TITLE: "Fools Rush In"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *"Offertory, Missa in die Sanctae Trinitatis",*
Philp ap Rhys d.1560

*Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

(Please be seated)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, we stand before you as guilty people, filthy with our sin. But only say the word and we will be cleansed. Help us empty our hearts of the lust and greed which reside there. Let us push hatred and revenge from our souls. Empty our hearts of all that is against Thy word, for only when our hearts are empty are they ready to receive You. Fill us with Thy teachings, and keep our feet upon the right path that leads to You. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen. -Pastor Mike Boehm

Imposition of Ashes

(for any who are not able to come forward, the pastor will come to your pew after all others have come forward)

*HYMN #42 “*Seek Ye First*”

*BENEDICTION (pastoral)

*Choral Response #602 “*God Be With You*” vs. 1
(sung by choir and congregation)

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on “*o sic habeo spiritum*”
(Please be 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

Senior Pastor	Pastor Mike Boehm
Organist	Daesean Lawson
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Don Ramsey
Ushers	Don Ramsey, Karen Geduldig, Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

Church News

“But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” -Matthew 6:17-18



Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent

When we sacrifice things that this world tells us we need, it can remind us that only God can truly satisfy our spiritual hunger. Lent’s three pillars are prayer, fasting and almsgiving—meaning that we’re called to do more than just abstain from a particular food or activity. It involves not only what we’re willing to give up, but what we’re willing to take on. When we think about what to give up for Lent, we ought to also think about what sort of commitment to prayer, *and* the ability to be charitable, that we can hold ourselves to.



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

Reminder - Recycling Plastic Bags

The Amherst Leo Club, sponsored by the Amherst Lions Club, are recycling plastic bags through the TREX Recycling project. It takes 1000 pounds in a year's time to achieve the goal to receive a recycled bench. Let's help them to reach their goal for another bench! Thank you everyone.

Help Feed our Children!



Needed items for **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

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!

NORDSON DEPOT SENIOR CENTER FREE ANTIQUE APPRAISAL DAY

Gregg and Laurel Mazurek will be conducting this on March 19th from 11-3:00 pm. at the Nordson Depot, 671 Franklin St. You are welcome to bring up to three items to be appraised. Because we expect a large crowd and would like to limit your wait time, please call (440) 988-2817 to register for a time slot.

All categories of antiques are welcome except gemstones and if your items are too large or delicate to bring, Gregg will make an appointment for an in-house appraisal. If you have any questions, you would like Gregg to answer before the event, you may call him at (440) 322-4313 evenings and weekends.

YOGA with Mary-K

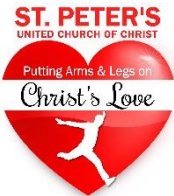
St. Peter's UCC, enter Chapel door to the lower level | Cost: \$10
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM (arrive by 8:25 AM)
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM (arrive by 5:55 PM)

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Please note that the front doors to the Sanctuary will now be open.

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**



This Week's Events

- Thurs., March 6 Preschool Field Trip, will be combined with the Friday's class
Compassionate Care Meeting, 10:30 AM, Fireside
YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Handbell Rehearsal 7 PM
- Fri., March 7 World Day of Prayer
No Preschool
- Sun., March 9 Worship Service, 10 AM, 1st Sunday in Lent

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