



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



...‘But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

April 6, 2025 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE: *"Allegretto in A-flat major", Op.2.*

William Wolstenholme 1865-1931

Words of Welcome and Announcements

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Pastor Mike Boehm

Leader: God has set our feet upon a journey.

People: Come, let us walk the paths that God has set for us.

Leader: God's road may be difficult to travel. His path may be filled with stones and obstacles to overcome.

**People: We will travel with Jesus Christ as our guide,
for He has traveled this path before us. His way
is our way, for He is the Way.**

***HYMN #2** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

***INVOCATION** (Unison) Penny Knepper

Enter into our midst, Holy God. Open our eyes and our hearts, that we might discern the paths that you would have us tread. Give us the courage to make change where change is needed, and wisdom to keep those meaningful traditions that we hold so dear. Remind us that meaningful and purposeful change is not to be feared, while past practice is not to be done "Because we have always done it that way before" Give us strength and wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors, *if needed, use green insert in holder*)

Choral Response

*HYMN #382 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HANDBELL CHOIR: *“In the Shadow of His Cross”*, Michael E. Akers based on the hymn tunes Rathbun & The Old Rugged Cross

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Penny Knepper

Isaiah 43:15–21 #586

John 12:1-8 #874

*Gloria Patri #623 *(if needed, use green insert in Bible holder)*

SERMON: “Looking Back; Going Forward”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(use booklet in hymnal rack)*

OFFERING

Offertory: *“Offertoire in F major”*, J. D. S. 1798-1832

*Doxology #625 *(if needed, use green insert in Bible holder)*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #542 *“When We All Get to Heaven”*

*BENEDICTION

*Pastoral Benediction

*Choral Response #602 *“God Be With You”*

POSTLUDE: *“Postlude”*, Alexandre Guilmant 1837- 1911
(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

Minister	Pastor Mike Boehm
Organist	Daesean Lawson
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Penny Knepper
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz, Fred Helyes, Karen Geduldig

Church News

Please use the ivory SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION booklet in the Hymnal/Bible holder and place back in that spot. Moving forward, we will be using this. Thank you.



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

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

Below is a summary of the 1987 interview of Oscar Zurcher by Jim Eaton. It gives us a bit different view of Confirmation classes here at St. Peter's. I don't have any information about the minister referenced in the interview.

Mr. Zurcher's family were members of St. John's Church in South Amherst. This church is one of the church's St. Peter's helped to found and at times we shared ministers. Mr. Zurcher was a member of the Confirmation Class of 1922. He remembers that he rode in a horse and buggy to get to classes on Saturday mornings. Rev. Ingram led the classes. When the kids arrived, the pastor would be sitting there smoking a pipe. Jim was told that the reverend must have had someone at the church "on his back" because he was always condemning someone he didn't like. Rev. Ingram wasn't at St. Peter's too many years. Classes were held where our kitchen is located today. He didn't go to Sunday School because he went to St. John's. He thought that the kids who attended Sunday School may have had an easier time with the required memorization.

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.



Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst

Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

Name Tags

Please wear your names tags to help Pastor Mike get to know you. If you need a name tag, please let Kaye in the office know. She'll be happy to make you one!

Do you have a favorite hymn?

Please write it down on the back of your Participation card and place in the offering plate. *Thank you, Jen Wasilk*

Rummage Sale! Saturday, June 21

We would love your help. Donated items can be brought into the Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, May 25 thru Sunday, June 15. No clothing, shoes, Christmas trees, car seats, or large furniture. So far, Pam Beiswinger, Becky Woods, Luena Beale, and Sue Conkle are committee partners. If you would like to join our committee contact Sue Conkle.

Questions? Please contact Sue Conkle (440) 537-1749 or Kaye Oswald (440) 988-4965. Thank you!

**Next Sunday, April 13 after worship
Breakfast Buffet. Bring your appetite!**

**Circle Six will hold its annual bake sale on
Sunday, April 13 in Fellowship Hall.**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the
Bakeless Bake Sale that occurred during the month of
February. **The final total was \$1025.00.**

The Fundraising Committee appreciates having an activity
that raised money with little physical work. We are looking
ahead to the future with exciting fundraisers for St. Peter's!

Sincerely, Christine D Burman

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** -----

- Mon., April 7 Spiritual Life visitations throughout the week
- Tues., April 8 Bible Study 7 PM
- Wed., April 9 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
- Thurs., April 10 YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
 No Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- Sun., April 13 Worship Service 10 AM, Palm/Passion Sunday
 Breakfast Buffet and Circle Six Bake Sale

----- **How To Reach Us** -----

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