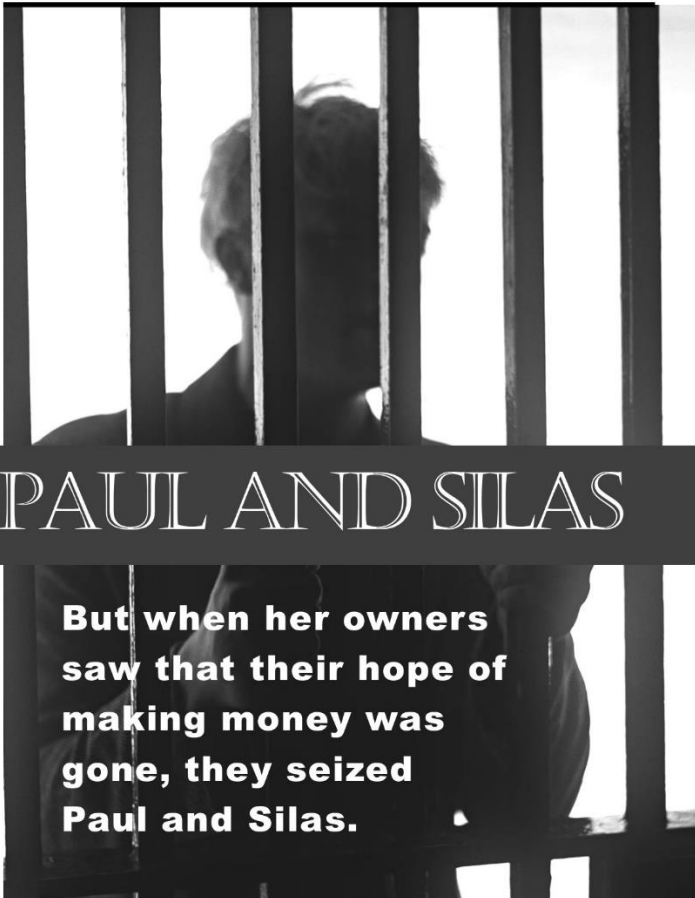




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PAUL AND SILAS

**But when her owners
saw that their hope of
making money was
gone, they seized
Paul and Silas.**

June 1, 2025 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.) + (if needed, use green insert in hymnal rack)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

OPENING VOLUNTARY: *"Andante Religioso, Op.64"*

Alec Rowley 1892-1958

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

Leader: Come to worship and obey the Master's call.

People: Bow down before the majesty of the Lord.

Leader: Grovel before Him, for He is the Almighty!

People: Simply praise Him, for He is our God.

***HYMN #213:** *"Because He Lives"*, RESURRECTION, William J. Gaither
1936-Gloria Gaither, 1942-

BELL CHOIR: *"On Eagle's Wings"*, Flute-Michael Joncas,
Arr. by Jeffrey Honoré

INVOCATION: (unison) Karel Schieferstein

Almighty and Majestic God of all creation; Creator of the Cosmos and all powerful Three-in-One, we bow before You. Who are we that You are mindful of us. We are unworthy beings, foul with the stain of wicked sin. Yet You love us for apparently no reason. We have taken the perfection of creation and turned it to our own perversity. We have ruined what once was without flaw. Forgive us, Father, for all that we have done that is or was against Thy laws. Teach us how to walk the true paths of righteousness that Jesus tried to show us. In His name we pray. Amen

***HYMN #322:** *"In Remembrance"*, RED, Robert F Douglas,
Ragan Courtney

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Choral Response: #19 *"We Worship and Adore You"*

Anonymous.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Karel Schieferstein

Psalm 97:1-9 #480

Acts 16:16-19 #900

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Blessed Slavery?"

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

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Deep River"*, African American Spiritual

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN # 554 *"I'll Fly Away"*, Albert E. Brumley 1905-1977

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction #47 *"God Will Take Care of You"*

W. Stillman Martin 1862-1935, Civilla D. Martin c. 1904

*Pastoral Benediction

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: *"Benediction"*, Basil Harwood 1859-1949

(*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	Karel Schieferstein
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Don Ramsey, Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

Church News

Two Bible Studies at St. Peter's

Due to a fantastic response, we will be hosting two Bible studies in the very near future. There will be a Tuesday afternoon study from two to three o'clock p.m. and a Thursday morning study from ten to eleven a.m. Both studies will be identical. There will be a brief meeting in the Fireside Room on June 1 following worship for all interested parties. Thanks, Pastor Mike

Circle Six Meeting

Circle Six's next meeting is Tuesday, June 3 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. It's our annual picnic and members can bring a covered dish to share. Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President

Blessing of the Bikes and Bike Parade

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 115 Central Drive, Amherst, OH

Free for ALL! St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Amherst Police Bike Patrol welcome you to this event on JUNE 3, 2025 at 6:30-8:00 PM (rain date 6/4). Bring your bike, motorcycle, golf cart, stroller, etc. for a blessing for all who ride this summer. Build your own ice cream Sunday after the parade! Door prizes and giveaways!

Rummage Sale! Saturday, June 21

Items can be brought into the Fellowship Hall starting today through Sunday, June 15. Tables will be set up. Large items can be placed in the garage. You can bring them Monday-Thursday, 8:30-2:30 PM and on Sundays. No clothing, shoes, Christmas trees, car seats, or large furniture. Thank you!

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*



Help Feed our Children

Items needed for Children's Weekend Backpack Program

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| . 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/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!

YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.

“Walking 10 minutes after daily meals is more beneficial than walking an hour at other times. It helps with digestion, including the stimulation of the pancreas gland which makes insulin, thereby decreasing high blood sugar, and ultimately reducing the risk of diabetes.” A Walk is a Win!

Ponderings About St. Peter's



Although we have a new computerized sign in front of St. Peter's, I still like our older, outdoor illuminated copper bulletin board. This one seems suitable for the age and style of our building and of course it is historical. This sign was given in memory of Henry Holle and his wife, Kathryn by their children Elmer & Elsie Holle and Reuben & Elizabeth Hollingsworth. The sign was dedicated on September 29, 1957.

Henry was born in Westfelen, Germany and came to America as a young man. He was employed at Cleveland Quarries Co. as a yard foreman and worked there for 40 years before he retired. He was

an active member of St. Peter's and in his spare time helped friends with butchering and trimming fruit trees. His wife, Kathryn was born in Obermorschutz, Germany in 1868 and came to the United States in 1884. They met and were married in 1890. They built their first home on Quarry Road. They had four children: William who died in 1912, Henry who was killed during WWI in 1918, Elmer and Elizabeth. They moved to a house that still stands at 212 Elyria Avenue. Kathryn was a member of the Women's Guild and loved to knit, quilt and work with flowers. They were married for 62 years before Kathryn died. They are buried at Crownhill Cemetery. Their family is part of the legacy of St. Peter's.

Missing an Earring? It's silver with an opal stone. If this is yours, it's in the office on Kaye's desk.

Walking on Wednesdays

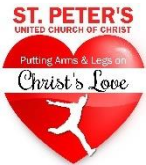
St. Peter's will have a table for the Walking on Wednesday's this summer starting on June 11. Christine will man the table this month and could use 3 more volunteers to help by tending the booth, passing out flyers, water, pens, etc. If you're available, please contact Christine Burman.

Host & Hostess Summer Program

Starting in June we will again have the Host & Hostess Program for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall after worship featuring donuts and coffee! There will be a signup sheet posted by the elevator in the kitchen. Donations will be used for outdoor church improvements. Thank you.

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

Tues., June 3	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., June 4	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Thurs., June 5	Compassionate Care, 10:30 AM, Fireside Communion Visitations 2-4 PM YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., June 8	Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your estate planning.