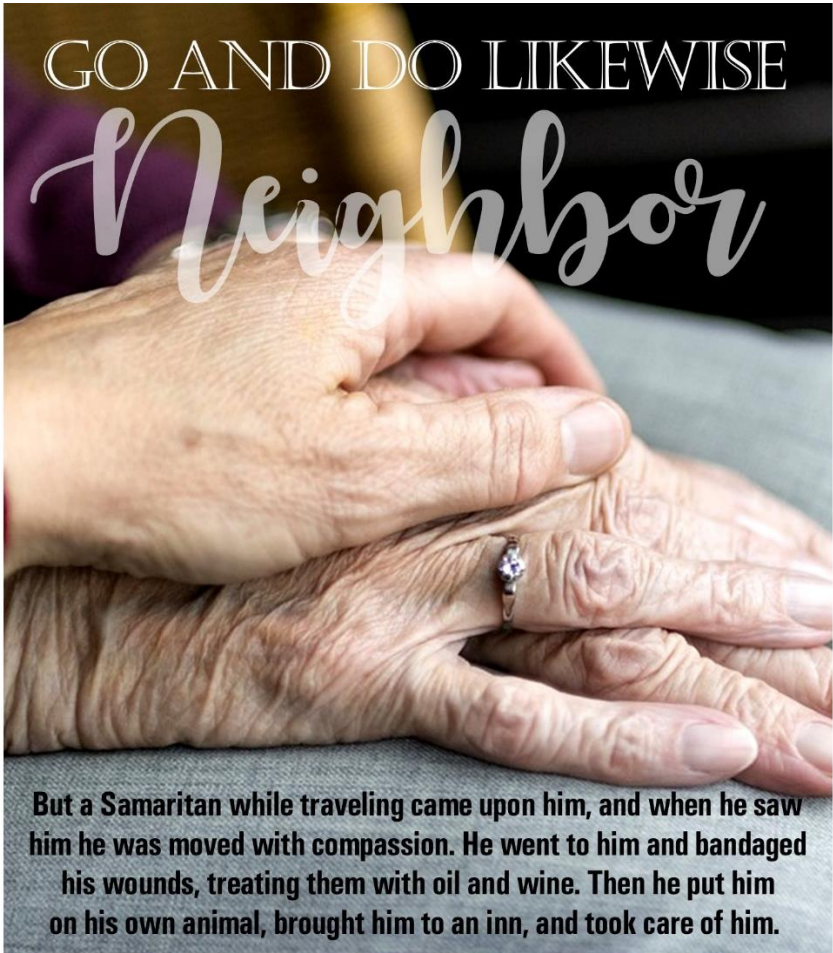




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

July 13, 2025 | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

ORGAN VOLUNTARY I: *'Ach Gott und Herr, BuxWV 177'*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637- 1707)

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

Leader: Come, all ye people of God. Come together
to fulfill God's purpose for us.

**People: What is God's purpose for us?
Why are we here?**

Leader: We are here to discern what God intends for
us to do as a church.

**People: The question is "What would Jesus do?"
The *answer* is "Do what Jesus would do!"**

***HYMN #101** *"His Name Is Wonderful"*

INVOCATION (unison) Kody Beiswenger

Holy Spirit, stir in our hearts and remind us that there is more to being a Christian than simply attending church each Sunday. We must ask the question "What is our niche in this community?" and then strive to fill that niche. Help us discern what real need we can fill in Amherst, and then help us find new and exciting ways to serve in this community and beyond. Help us work with those around us to make this world the place that You envisioned for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #326** *"Softly and Tenderly"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Kody Beiswenger

Amos 7:7-9 #748

Luke 10:25-37 #844

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "The Plum Line"

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

OFFERING

Offertory: 'Ashokan Farewell', American Folk Tune

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #364 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*BENEDICTION

*Pastoral Benediction

ORGAN VOLUNTARY II: 'Fugue in C minor BWV 549'

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

(*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
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Kody Beiswenger
Ushers	Fred Helyes

Church News

GriefShare* | Thursdays, Aug. 14-Nov. 6

Our GriefShare* {sic} program will begin on Thursday, August 14th and end on Thursday, November 6th from 2-4 PM. The program will be held in the Sanctuary and the Fireside Room, and will incorporate video information and discussion.

GriefShare is a Christ centered group program designed to help those who are suffering grief due to the loss of a loved one. All are welcome regardless of how recent or how far in the past your loss occurred. *There is a \$20 fee for course materials which can be waived in cases of extreme need.*

*GriefShare is the registered trademark of Church Initiative.

Walking on Wednesdays

On August 13 from 4-7 PM. Only 4 people are needed.
Please check the sign-up sheet in the kitchen. Thank you!

Sunday, July 27th we will celebrate God's gift of creation!

On Sunday, July 27th we will celebrate God's gift
of creation through scripture, song and sermon.
Accordingly, all people are urged to bring in
flowers from their gardens (9 inch vases please)
to decorate our sanctuary. These flowers will be
taken home following the service. Thank you.



St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Wednesday, July 16 we will serve starting at
4:30 PM, but don't need bakers as we will be
having ice cream. This gives our bakers a well-
deserved break! Please contact Betty Pekare.



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*

Bible Studies Starting in August

We will be hosting two Bible studies starting in August.
Tues. afternoon study begins Aug. 5 from 2:00-3 PM.
Thurs. morning study begins Aug. 7 from 10:30-11:30 AM.
Both studies will be identical, starting in Genesis. Everyone is
welcome to attend! Thank you, Pastor Mike



Help Feed our Children

Items needed 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/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!

Prayer Request Cards

Lavender, Prayer Request cards have been placed by the bulletins. If you have a prayer request, please pick one up on your way in, fill it out, and the ushers will pick them up before the sharing of concerns. Thank you.

Please continue to keep Heidi Chambers and her family in your thoughts and prayers with the loss of her Mother, Amy Webber.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

On October 13, 1882, St. Peter's celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its founding. Our church has always enjoyed a good celebration, and this was one of our earliest. You must keep in mind that everything was done in German, but I found a translation of the events of the day, and I wanted to share it with you. This celebration would have been while Rev. Jacob Vontobel was here. He was the topic of last week's Pondering.

The Evangelical St. Peter's Church in North Amherst celebrated on October 1, 1882, its twenty-fifth anniversary. The Rev. Prases of the Third District of the Evangelical Synod North America, Pastor J.B. Jud of Mansfield, Ohio, gave in the morning the anniversary sermon on I Samuel 25:8 "We have arrived at a good day". The first, a day of remembrance, the second as a day of thanksgiving, and the third as a day of

atonement and of new duties. Pastor Locher of Elyria with his church took part in the anniversary service as well as Pastor Schuttler of Liverpool, Ohio. In the afternoon there was a youth service for the Sunday School under the leadership of the superintendent Mr. Philipp Sipple, where all three above named pastors gave daily speeches. Unfortunately, it rained on the festival days so that many members were prevented from taking part in the services afternoons and evenings. At noon the dear church members in the country prepared a community meal, which was served in the hall of the Plato brothers. The country women had gone to much trouble to make it very attractive. In the evening Pastor G. Schottler preached on the Evangelist Matthew 13:44 and the Rev. J. B. Jud preached.

YOGA with Mary-K
Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM
Cost is \$10 per class.

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., July 15	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., July 16	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM St. Elizabeth Shelter meal, 4:30 PM
Thurs., July 17	Communion Visitations 2-4 PM YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., July 20	Worship Service 10 AM

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