



ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHOOSE THE BETTER PART

Priorities

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

July 20, 2025 | Sixth 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

PRELUDE: *"His Eye is On The Sparrow"*

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

Leader: Sisters and brothers, gather together to
remember who you are.

**People: We are the servants of God. We are called
to serve a purpose here on earth.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, gather together to
remember *whose* you are.

**People: We belong to Christ Jesus, our Savior.
We are His, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN #43** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

INVOCATION (unison) Judy McCurdy

**Almighty God, our Father and Creator, You have stayed
steadfast to us through countless millennia since the
creation, always there when we needed You. You have
never turned away from us. Yet we freely admit that we
have often turned away from You, holding You in reserve
for those times when we are in trouble and need help.
Forgive us for taking You for granted, and acting as
though You were a commodity to be kept on the shelf,
always fresh, until we needed You. Be with us in this hour
of worship, and accept our praise and thanksgiving for
Your everlasting love. In the Triune Name we pray.
Amen.**

*HYMN #381 *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Special Music: *"Sager-Foster"*, played by Lynette Rogers

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Judy McCurdy

Luke 10:38-42 #845

Revelation 2:1-5 #995

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Lest We Forget"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Living For Jesus"*

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #542 *"When We All Get to Heaven"*

***BENEDICTION**

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Postlude in F major"*

(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	Judy McCurdy
Ushers	Earl Wiegand, Terry Deliman, Vicki Zeller, Lewis Zeller

Church News

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

This is open to everyone in our community. If you know someone who has had a loss please share with them.

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.

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.





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!

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A Call For Ushers!

Summer is upon us and we need your help to fill vacant spots for our upcoming Sunday services. Please check the bulletin board at the sanctuary entrance off Walker Lobby for openings and then your calendar for the next few months. Please volunteer for as many Sundays as you are able. The more people that sign up makes the load a lot more tolerable for everyone else. Thank you in advance for your continued support. - Fred Helyes

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Many of you will recall that in the 1950s when the children known now as “the Baby Boomers” began entering schools there was a lack of classroom space and the number children per teacher commonly exceeded 25. Do you recall if you were one of these children who had a classroom in a place other than your local school? For the 1956-57 school year our records show that we allowed the Amherst Public Schools to use a room on the 2nd floor for a first-grade class taught by Mrs. Mayme Sahl. This was before our Education Building was erected. In the January Key of 1957 the following appeared:

The Congregation unanimously passed a resolution of commendation for Mrs. Mayme Sahl, the Public-School teacher in our church building. Expression of appreciation was made for her excellent supervision of our first grade children, for the excellent conduct of the children themselves while in the building and for her gracious consideration and understanding of the use of our property.

Mrs. Sahl was born and raised in Amherst. She lived on North Main Street with her husband, Edward, and son, Donald. She taught school in Amherst for 20 years and was a member of the Congregational Church of Christ, Eastern Star and Amherst Sorosis.

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.

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Spiritual Life Team is here for you!

The Spiritual Life team makes weekly Communion visits to stay connected with our church family members. If anyone would like a visit, please call the church office (440) 988-4965.

Colossians 3:17 - *“Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*

Love, Blessings, and Peace from

Spiritual Life: Pam Miskov, Judy McCurdy, Don & Marcia Ramsey

St. Peter's UCC T-Shirts!

We are taking orders for t-shirts. Please see or call Pastor Mike as he has a sign up sheet. The shirt is a Jerzees Dri-Power 50/50 cotton/poly. Sizes and pricing below. We need to order 24 at the minimum to get the following pricing:

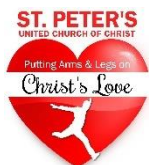


SM-XL \$13.49, XXL \$16.49, XXXL \$17.49, XXXXL \$18.49, XXXXXL \$19.49

In case of emergency, there are wheelchairs available for use. One is on the sanctuary level, located behind the door that leads to steps outside, near the pastor office. The second wheelchair is in the cubby off the kitchen, near the lady's restroom. Thank you, 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., July 21 Council Meeting, 1 PM, Fellowship Hall & Zoom
Tues., July 22 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., July 23 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Thurs., July 24 YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., July 27 Worship Service 10 AM, *Celebrate Creation!*
If anyone would like a Communion visit, please call the office.

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:30-2:30 PM

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to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.

Also, we now have the ability to accept donations by TEXT!

For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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