



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mercy over **JUDGMENT**

But the Lord answered him
and said, "You hypocrites!
Does not each of you on the
Sabbath untie his ox or his
donkey from the manger and
lead it to water?"

August 24, 2025 | Eleventh 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: "*Pastorella in F Dur*", BWV 590

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

Leader: Fly into the arms of God for sanctuary from
the storms of life.

People: Shelter within His comforting arms.

Leader: For the troubles of life cannot touch you here. In this
time of worship you are safe from all that seeks.

**People: Praise the Lord, who gives us refuge from the
storm. Praise His name forever. Amen.**

*HYMN #91 "*Alleluia*"

INVOCATION (unison)

Sue Conkle

**Help us, Holy Father, for we are lost and struggling. Daily
we are accosted on all sides by things that seek to turn us
away from You. Worry, anger, hatred and indifference enter
our hearts, squeezing You into smaller and smaller places in
our soul. We feel trapped and unable to find a place where
we can flee to You. In this hour of worship, help us center
ourselves upon that which is truly important. Help us find
You, and praise You with all our being. In the Triune Name
we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN #560 "*For the Beauty of the Earth*" vrs. 1, 3, 5

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Sue Conkle

Psalm 71:1-6 #463

Luke 13:10-17 #848

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Who Can I Turn To?"

OFFERING

Offertory: "*Pastorella in F Dur*", BWV 590

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #345 "*Blessed Assurance*"

*BENEDICTION

*Pastoral Benediction

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: "*Pastorella in F Dur*", BWV 590

(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	Sue Conkle
Ushers	Terry Deliman, Fred Helyes Luena Beale, Walter Beale

Church News

LAST CALL FOR T-SHIRTS

If you signed up and haven't paid yet, please give Pastor Mike your cash or check (or office) made out to St. Peter's UCC and mark your name PAID on the signup sheet.

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

Circle Six Meeting

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is to bring a covered dish to share along with their own place setting and beverage. Guests are welcome. -*Sally Readinger, President*



Help Feed our Children

Items needed 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/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

When you think about the men who served as pastors during the early years of our church all spoke German and were not born in the United States. Then considering the time period and travel you know that God must have had a hand in selecting who would teach his word and lead to our congregation.

The Rev. R. Koestlin served as the pastor of St. Peter's German Evangelical Church in what was then North Amherst from 1874-1877. He was born in Metzingen, in Wurttemberg, Germany on May 22, 1845. He was the son of Dr. William and Louisa Koestlin. He attended the College of Humaniora at Stuttgart and the university of his kingdom. From 1866-1868 he served as a lieutenant in the Second Sharpshooter Battalion of Wurttemberg. Koestlin then immigrated to the U.S. landing in New York City on February 20, 1868. From there he went to Baltimore where he first worked at a newspaper and then entered the ministry in the German Protestant Church. In September 1868, he married Anna Newman and they eventually had two children: William and Freddie. Before coming to St. Peter's, he served one year in Princeton, Indiana and nine months in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. While with us we know that besides services in the church he held Sunday evening services in his home on Church Street. After his three years with us he moved to Middletown, Ohio and organized a new congregation and built a church.



Say Cheese!

St. Peter's Directory Coming Soon

Photographs will be taken during the month of September in Fellowship Hall after service. Also, there will be a short form to fill out with your information . . . phone number(s), email address, home address. This gives us a chance to make sure we have everything up to date. This is for ALL folks coming to St. Peter's. Our last directory was completed in 2019.

Membership Outreach - Bring an address!

Next Sunday, August 31st there will be a postcard in the bulletin for you. Just add the address of a friend or member that you have missed seeing in church. Bring your address book, or address with you on August 31st. We'll have you fill in their address on the postcard *and* throw them in the offering plate. We will mail them out. Thank you!

Preschool Open House

We're expecting about 120 people at our preschool open house! We can use small water bottles or juice boxes, napkins, small plates, bags of pretzels or chips, fresh fruit or veggies, nut-free cookies, and rice krispie treats. We will be grateful for whatever is provided! Open house is Thursday, 9/4 from 4:30-6:30pm. If donated items can be brought before noon that day, we would appreciate it. Drop off at the preschool or leave it in the kitchen. Please put a note on anything brought in that it's for preschool open house. We could also use a person or two to help put things out and refill items as necessary during that time. If you'd like to do that, let Heidi know by calling the preschool office at 440-985-1972 or emailing at preschool@stpetersamherst.org.

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.

If anyone would like a Communion visit, please call the office.



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., Aug. 26 Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
Wed., Aug. 27 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Thurs., Aug. 28 Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 AM, Fireside Room
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 1 PM
GriefShare, 2-4 PM, Fireside Room
YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 31 Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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

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Please visit our website, **www.stpetersamherst.org**
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.