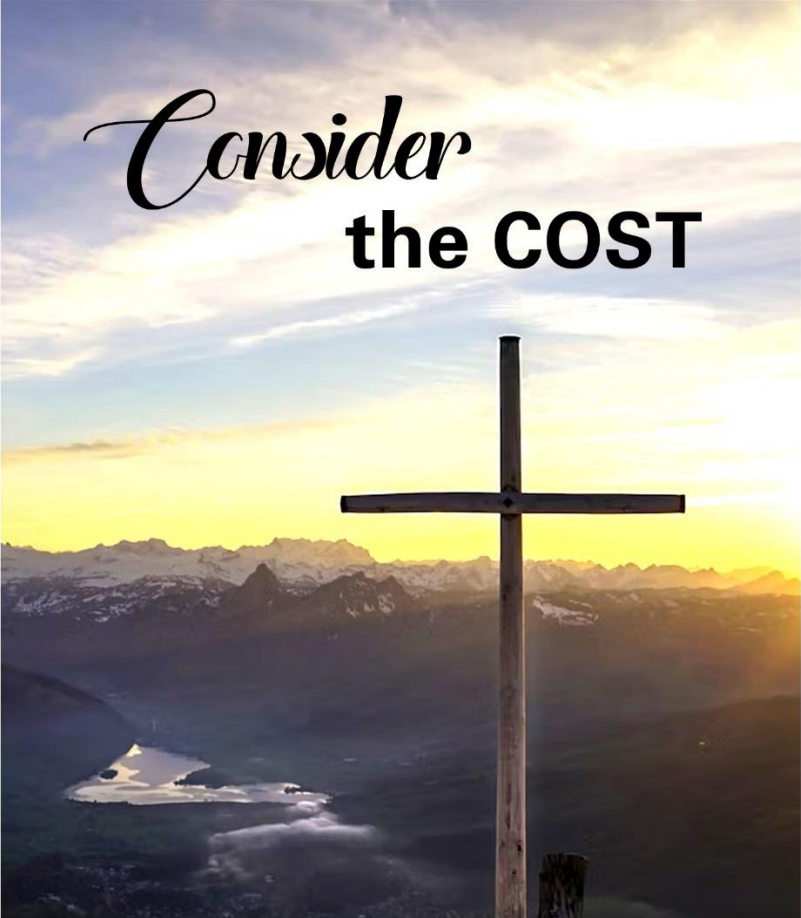




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Consider
the COST



Sept. 7, 2025 | Thirteenth 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 : *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

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

Leader: We are called here today to worship because
God Himself has called us.

**People: He is our God. There can be nothing else
before Him.**

Leader: Let there be nothing else in our worship that
can distract us. No earthly worries, no petty
complaints – nothing shall come between us
and our Heavenly Father.

**People: Praise the One God. Praise the only God.
Praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit now
and forever. Amen**

HANDBELL CHOIR: *Special selection*

*HYMN #214 *"Because He Lives"*

INVOCATION (unison) Neil Wasilk

**Holy God, in this time of worship free our hearts from any
outside concerns. Free our minds from financial worries.
Free us from anger and jealousies. Forgive us for the sins
that we carry within ourselves. Leave nothing in our hearts
except Your Holy Spirit, so that we may be free to praise You
and to feel the glory that comes from knowing that we are**

Your children. For You have blessed us by Your love and presence in the past. Remain with us now and always. Amen.

HYMN #259 *"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Neil Wasilk

Jeremiah 18:1-11 #629

Luke 14:25-31 #850

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: *"First and Foremost"*

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

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Suite du Premier Ton 3.Duo",*
Louis-Nicolas Clérambault 1676- 1749

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #379 *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* vrs. 1, 2, 3, 6

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction #602 *"God Be With You"*

*Pastoral Benediction

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: "Voluntary V in C major", William Croft 1678-1727

(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	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz, Fred Helyes, Gary Thompson

Church News

Boy Scouts Troop 497 - Allie Sacharski

Allie is here this morning with order forms for the annual Mum Sale. They are 9" pots with assorted colors to choose from. Only \$10 each. Stop down in the Fellowship Hall after worship if you would like to support this cause. Pickup is Sept. 11 from 7-7:30 in our back parking lot. Thank you!



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

On Sunday mornings you are greeted by our Ushers. Do you know their history here at St. Peter's? The following is from our April 1956 Key.

USHERS ASSOCIATION is formed. An Ushers Association was formed under the general guidance of the deacons of our church. This organization is open for membership to any boy who is a church member. The boys will assist the deacons in their work on Sundays and will meet each month to discuss their work and also to have fellowship and games. Dale Rosenkranz and Ricky Oliver were elected president and secretary.

We have need of ushers today, and serving as one is no longer limited to being a boy. Please see Fred Helyes for more information and to volunteer.



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.

Office Administrator on Vacation

I will be out of the office the week of Sept. 8-11th. Cindy Boehm will manage the office on Tuesday/Thursday of that week, and Heidi will manage the doors on Monday/Wed/Fri. Please leave me a message if you need anything and I'll get back to you when I return Sept. 15th.

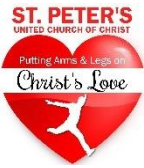
If nobody is answering the door, they may be away from their desk. Call 440-988-4965 or 1-216-316-3482 and someone will let you in. Thank you for your patience. Kaye

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** -----

Mon., Sept. 8	Preschool starts!
Tues., Sept. 9	Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
Wed., Sept. 10	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Thurs., Sept. 11	Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 AM, Fireside Room Voice Choir Rehearsal, 1 PM, Sanctuary GriefShare, 2-4 PM, Fireside Room YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM Troop 497 mum delivery, back parking lot
Sun., Sept. 14	Worship Service 10 AM, Voice Choir sings! Noah Swift Nemet baptism

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

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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.