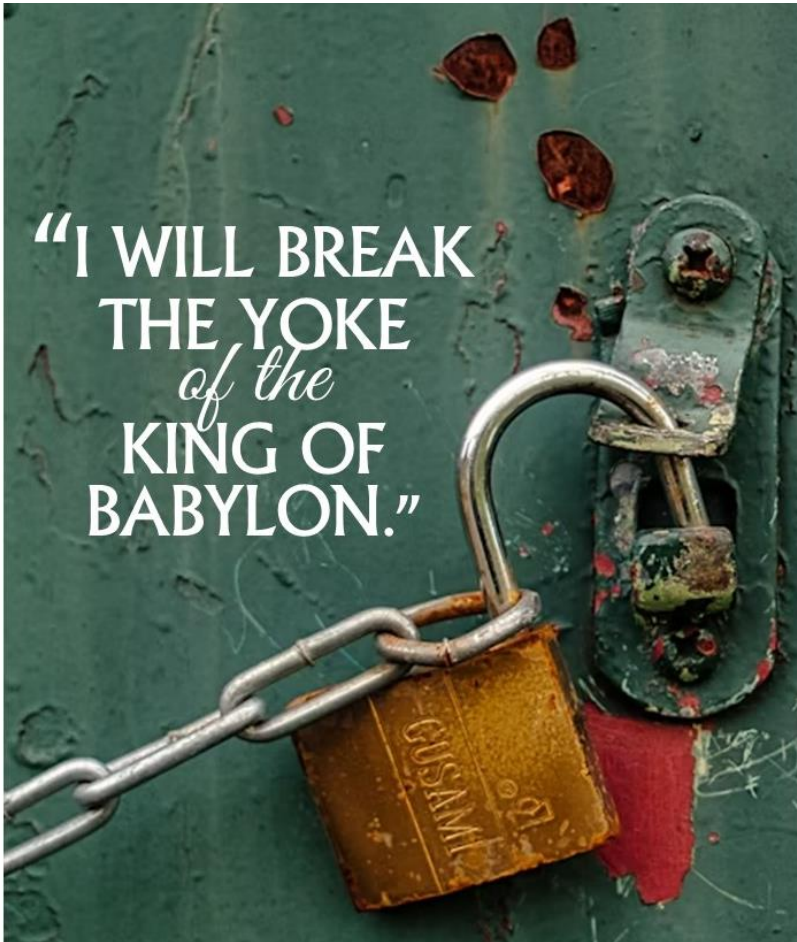




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Oct. 12, 2025 | Eighteenth 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

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

Leader: We gather together today mindful that we are part of a larger family of God that includes all people.

People: Though the people of God may all look different, we are still all created in the image of God.

Leader: The image of God is the Spirit of God, which has no form but is universally the same.

People: Black or white, red or yellow, the same spirit resides in each of us. Praise God for the brotherhood and sisterhood of mankind. Praise the Spirit that makes us one.

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMN # 527 "Glory to His Name" vs. 1,3,4**

INVOCATION

Stacy Gleason

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, Great Manitou of the First Nations people, hear us as we pray. Forgive us for believing that because we are Christians, we are superior over others of Your family. Forgive us for those times when a racial epithet has come to our lips or festered in our hearts when we have come into contact with people whose skin was darker than ours. Cleanse us from the sins of our forefathers so that we may go forward into a world where all are truly members of the family of God. In the Triune Name we pray. Amen.

HYMN # 423 *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Steal Away to Jesus / I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"* (commemorating the Fisk Jubilee Singers)

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Stacy Gleason

Psalm 111 #490

Jeremiah 28:1,4-7 #638

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Savages and Saints" **

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #344 *"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE *(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)*

** **"Colors of the Wind"** from Pocahontas

Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Strphen Schwartz

Pub: Hall Leonard Corporation, Milwaukee, WI



**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	Stacy Gleason
Ushers	Sue Cherry, Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

Church News

GriefShare®, Friday, Nov. 14, 2025
6:30-8:30 p.m.

We will be hosting "Surviving the Holidays", a two-hour grief facilitation program from GriefShare®, a product of Church Initiatives Inc. This program is designed to help bereaved people face their first or second* holiday season without their loved one. *(Note: This is not the same as a Blue Christmas service that many churches offer).* Our session is a combination of video and discussion. **The program is free**, but participants need to **register in advance** to insure availability of program materials. Call St. Peter's UCC at (440) 988-4965 to reserve a place at this insightful and helpful event. Please RSVP by October 26th.



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.

Thank you everyone for your faithfulness AND a special thank you to Becky Woods for counting food and delivering to Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Pam Miskov's absence.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

A memorial is a way to honor someone who has had an impact on others. It's an expression of love, respect, and connection. The idea is to ensure that the memory of this person will be there for future generations. However, sometimes things don't work out as intended. This "Pondering" is to honor a person whose memorial is gone.

Amelia M. Henes Deuschle was born on August 15, 1877, in Amherst Township. She lived her entire life here. She was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Evangelical Reformed Church and belonged to its Women's Union and Philathea Bible Class. She died on April 3, 1939, of pneumonia; her funeral service with Rev. Schmidt officiating was held at St. Peter's, and she was buried at Ridge Hill Cemetery. Her son Alvin Deuschle wanted to honor his mother and in 1939 he presented a silent motion picture projector to St. Peter's as her memorial.



Carry-out only! SATURDAY, OCT. 25, 4-6:00 PM

Tickets will be available for purchase after Oct. 1st on each Sunday Service or at the church office Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. A \$15 ticket includes spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, salad, bread & butter, and dessert. Thank you for supporting St. Peter's UCC!

Consecration/Reformation Sunday

By now you should have received your letter in the mail from Pastor Mike and the Stewardship Team. The pledge cards will be consecrated on Oct. 26, 2025 along with your Time and Talent Form. You can place them in the offering plate on or before that date. Thank you for any pledge, large or small, that helps support the mission of this church.



Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner. Collection Week is November 17-24th. Once again the shoeboxes are being supplied for you. All you need to do is fill them and include \$10.00 for shipping. Please see

Linda Gatz in Fellowship Hall after the service to get your materials and have your questions answered.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain We need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare. Thank you!

1871 THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS®

The tradition of excellence at Fisk has developed out of a history marked by struggle and uncertainty.

Fisk's world-famous Jubilee Singers®

originated as a group of traveling students who set out from Nashville on October 6, 1871, taking the entire contents of the University treasury with them for travel expenses, praying that through their music they could somehow raise enough money to keep the doors of their debt-ridden school open.



The singers struggled at first, but before long, their performances so electrified audiences that they traveled throughout the United States and Europe, moving to tears audiences that included William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Ulysses S. Grant, William Gladstone, Mark Twain, Johann Strauss, and Queen Victoria.

To this day, each October 6, Fisk pauses to observe the anniversary of the singers' departure from campus in 1871. The contemporary Jubilee Singers, a Grammy recipient group, perform in a University convocation — and conclude the day's ceremonies with a pilgrimage to the grave sites of the original singers, where once again, the old songs are sung at the burial places of their first performers.

Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

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., Oct. 14 Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
- Wed., Oct. 15 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
 St. Elizabeth Meal, 4:30 PM
- Thurs., Oct. 16 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, 5:45-7 PM
 Handbell Rehearsal, 7PM, Sanctuary
- Sun., Oct. 19 Worship Service 10 AM

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

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to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.

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For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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