



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**THE
SQUEAKY
WHEEL GETS
THE OIL**

**'Though I have no fear of God and no respect
for anyone, yet because this widow keeps
bothering me, I will grant her justice,
so that she may not wear me out by
continually coming.'**

Oct. 19, 2025 | Nineteenth 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 have gathered to give God persistent praise
for His never-ending grace.

**People: God's love for us is everlasting. Our praise
must be everlasting as well.**

Leader: He knew us in the womb and loved us even then.

**People: Praise be to our ever-faithful God. Glory to
the Son and Holy Spirit now and forever.**

***HYMN #74 "Majesty"** (sing twice)

INVOCATION

Karen Geduldig

**Heavenly Father and Judge of all the Universe, hear us as
we come to thee in prayer. For our purpose is to wear You
down with constant supplication and repetition, as Jesus
taught in His parable. For You are a righteous and fair judge
who will hear us and grant us justice. We do not ask for
material things that are transient and will one day wither in
the dust. We ask simply for Your constant presence in all
that we do in all our lives on earth. We long to be with You
one day in that kingdom which has no end. We pray to You
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN #304 "Lift High the Cross" vs. 1, 2, 5

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Karen Geduldig

Genesis 32:22-31 #26

Luke 18:1-8 #853

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Pestering God"

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #554 *"I'll Fly Away"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE

(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
Organist
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Zoom Assistant
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Director of Music
Scripture Reader
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Pastor Mike Boehm
Daesean Lawson
Mary K. Kirsch
Tom Hollstein
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Karen Geduldig
Don Ramsey, Marcia Ramsey,
Geoff Gatz, Lewis Zeller

Church News

Circle Six Pumpkin Roll Time!

It's that time of year again when Circle Six will be baking their delicious pumpkin rolls. Order forms can be picked up by the bulletins before entering the sanctuary, or in the church office. Please please please take care when filling out your order form so there are no questions and be sure you know in advance how many you'll need. **Completed order forms can be put in the offering plate or in the church office.** The number of pumpkin rolls available for purchase will be limited and orders **MUST** be received prior to baking and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. We will be baking on Sat., Nov. 8th and Sat., Nov. 15th and volunteers are more than welcome to help. **Pumpkin rolls will be wrapped in the freezer and ready for pick-up on Sun., Nov. 9th or 16th.**

Circle Six's next meeting will be held on **Tue., Nov. 4th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall**. Our program for this meeting begins at **7:00pm** and is titled *"Legends of Christmas, the History of Ornaments"*. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. Circle Six members will provide finger snacks to share.

Blessings, Sally Readinger, President

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Prayer is an important part of our communication with God.

The following was found in an old Key. **Five Fingers of Prayer**

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So, begin your prayers for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective, and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

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.



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, Oct. 26th

Next week we will consecrate our Pledge Cards, and our Time & Talent forms. You can place them in the offering plate on or before Oct. 26th. Thank you for any pledge, large or small, that helps support the mission of this church.

Coffee Chats Hey All! Please come join us any Wednesday from 9-11 AM. We will alternate between Commando Coffee (downtown Amherst), and Panera Bread (Oak Point Road). Everyone is welcome to join us. This is not a committee meeting—it is purely a social group. Bring a friend! Contact Judy McCurdy or Christine Burman for the current meeting place.

Jesus frequently met with his disciples at the table for meals, which were central to his ministry for building community, showing hospitality, and teaching. These meals were not just about eating but about fellowship. Join us!



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.

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 5:45-7 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!



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., Oct. 20	Council Meeting, 1 PM, Fellowship Hall
Tue., Oct. 21	Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
Wed., Oct. 22	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone/Panera Bread 9-11 AM
Thurs., Oct. 23	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. 26	Worship Service 10 AM, Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Consecration/Reformation Sunday

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

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