



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

God did not give us a  
spirit of cowardice  
but rather a spirit of  
power and of love  
and of self-discipline.

**POWER, LOVE**  
*and*  
**SELF-DISCIPLINE**

Oct. 5, 2025 | Seventeenth 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: Like the embers of a fire that is dying we have  
come to be rekindled.

**People: Breath gently upon us, and rekindle the  
flame that was once so bright.**

Leader: Add the twigs of faith and the logs of the Holy Word  
and make us a bonfire of light.

**People: Let the light of our flame shine forth to all the  
world. Let us warm hearts in Your Name. Amen.**

HANDBELL CHOIR: *"The Church's One Foundation"* by  
Samuel Wesley, and *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*  
by Conrad Kocher

**\*HYMN #284** *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"* vs. 1,2,3

INVOCATION

Neil Wasilk

**Holy Spirit hear our prayer. We are like the embers of a  
fire that still glows brightly in the Spirit, but needs  
renewal. Breathe on us so that we may receive new life  
and energy in Christ Jesus. Through Your Holy Word add  
fuel to our fire so that we may burn as brightly as we  
once did for the Lord. Let us be a bonfire of light,  
illuminating the darkness that surrounds us. Help us  
burn for Thee. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit we pray. Amen.**

## HYMN #323 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Neil Wasilk

Lamentations 1:1-7 #666

2 Timothy 1:1-14 #966

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Rekindled"

CELEBRATION OF WORLD COMMUNION *(use booklet in hymnal rack)*

## OFFERING

Offertory

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #286 *"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"*

\*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  
Zoom Director  
Zoom Assistant  
Worship Producer  
Director of Music  
Scripture Reader  
Ushers

Pastor Mike Boehm  
Daesean Lawson  
Mary K. Kirsch  
Tom Hollstein  
Brian Schieferstein  
Jennifer Wasilk  
Neil Wasilk  
Don Ramsey, Marcia Ramsey,  
Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

# Church News

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## **Spread the Word! Join Us for a Special Organ Recital - You're Invited!**

Come and experience the beautiful sounds of our historic pipe organ. Enjoy an afternoon of inspiring music performed by our talented organist. Everyone is welcome—bring your friends and family!

**Date:** Sunday, October 5th

**Time:** 3:00 P.M.

**Location:** St. Peter's U.C.C., Amherst, Ohio

Reception afterwards

Let's spread the word and fill the Sanctuary with music lovers!



# 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. Thanks to  
Pam and everyone for all you do in helping others!

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## **Ponderings about St. Peter's**



The Rev. Frederick Mathius Haefele served as our pastor from 1890-1897. He was born on January 19, 1845, in Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany. His wife's name was Katherine, and they had seven children:

Albert, Theodore, John, Ida, Charles, Edward and Herbert. They lost one child, Paul to scarlet fever before coming to Amherst. The family picture above was taken about 1889. Rev. Haefele served the Zion United Church of Christ, which was then known as the Evangelical church, in Baltic, Ohio from 1879-1890. After leaving St. Peter's they settled in the Cleveland area. Rev. Haefele died in Lakewood, Ohio on April 1, 1922, at the age of 77 and is buried in West Park Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.



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

Tickets will be available for purchase after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> after 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 your support!

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## **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. 28, 2025 along with your Time and Talent Form. You can place them in the offering plate on or before Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for any pledge, large or small, that helps support the mission of this church.

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## **Circle Six Meeting, Tues., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Members are to bring their own dinner and we will be making our mission blankets (be sure to bring your scissors as well). Thank you! Sally Readinger, President

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## **Neighbors in Need**

Gifts to NIN support UCC's ministries of justice and compassion in the United States including the Council for American Indian Ministry, and a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Grants are annually awarded to UCC churches/organizations doing justice work.

# 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.

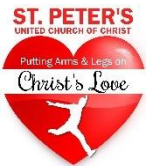
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**Operation Christmas Child** is just around the corner. Collection Week is November 17-24th. Once again the shoeboxes are being supplied for you. All you need to do is fill them and include \$10.00 for shipping. Please see Linda Gatz in Fellowship Hall after the service to get your materials and have your questions answered.

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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** -----

Tues., Oct. 7	Circle 6 Meeting, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
Wed., Oct. 8	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Thurs., Oct. 9	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. 12	Worship Service 10 AM, Choir Rehearsal 9 AM

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

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For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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