



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



TWO SMALL COPPER COINS

They all **gave out of their wealth**;
but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—
all she had to live on.

Nov. 23, 2025 | Thanksgiving Sunday

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) Rev. Mike Boehm

Leader: Enter, you whose lives are filled with abundance.

People: Enter, you who are poor in goods and spirit.

Leader: Earthly possessions mean nothing today.

People: Today we celebrate the goodness of God. He has given us life everlasting life in Christ. We are rich in God!

CHORAL INTROIT

HYMN #561 *"We Gather Together"*

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING (*unison*) Rev. David Rogers

Let us give thanks to the Lord,
for he satisfies the thirsty,
he fills the hungry with good things,
and he heals the afflicted.
Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

We thank you, gracious Father,
that you provide for all our needs,
for food on our tables,
for the clothes on our bodies,
for the beds we sleep in,
for the dwellings that shelter us.

We praise you, Lord,
for all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,
for the things that make our work easier,

for the conveniences of modern life,
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #563 *"Count Your Blessings"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Rev. David Rogers

Psalm 100 #481

Mark 12:41-44 #825

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Full Hearts, Full Bellies"

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #559 *"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"*

***BENEDICTION**

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE

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

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God



**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

Rev. Mike Boehm
Daesean Lawson
Mary K. Kirsch
Tom Hollstein
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Rev. David Rogers
Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz,
Walter Beale, Luena Beale

Church News



Mark your calendars for December 14th! We will share a potluck lunch (the basic meat will be ham) followed by carols and games. Join your church family from noon until three for a family Christmas! The church Christmas Party we will be doing a "White Elephant" exchange. Several people have asked me "what's a "white elephant"? Throughout the Hindu and Buddhist world a white (albino) elephant is considered sacred. Therefore, if you are given a white elephant you cannot use it

for work purposes, but it must be fed with the finest grains. You must decorate its' stall in a manor fitting for royalty. In short – you're stuck with it! For our purposes, a white elephant is anything that you have laying around the house that you have no use for, but have been hesitant to throw away. You're stuck with it. Here's your chance to get rid of it!

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Earlier this year an article on our church front doors was in the Key. In looking for information on another topic I discovered some additional facts about our present doors which I would like to share with you.

You may remember that the current doors were given to honor Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schneider and Mr. & Mrs. William Aros by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Aros. These doors were made by the Pinecrest Company of Minneapolis, MN. Still in business, this company has an interesting website you may want to check out. The Pinecrest Company has been commissioned in the past to do work for the University of Notre Dame, MIT, the Smithsonian Institute, and Anheuser-Busch to name a few organizations. Our doors are hand carved Mahogany and feature the "Eldorado Collection of Carving". The doors were dedicated at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 22, 1981.

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. Thank you!

Help Feed our Children!



Needed items for **CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Single Serving PB & Jelly, Canned Soup (pop top lids), Mac & Cheese (microwavable)
Spaghetti-Os (pop top lids), Peanut Butter Crackers, Individual Cereals Granola Bars
Oatmeal Packages, Small Bag Chips, Small Bag Pretzels, Fruit Cups, Jello Cups

We're collecting the following for the months of Nov. & Dec.:

Stuffing, Gravy, Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Soups,
Cereal, Pancake Syrup

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church
and Pam Miskov will make sure they're delivered. Thank you!



Hanging of the Greens after worship.
Everyone is welcome to help!

Request for Favorite Hymns

At the end of Epiphany, we will have gone through the list of
requested songs that you all provided last spring. Now, I'm
asking for more of your favorite hymns. Please either write your
song on the back of your attendance card, or email them to me at
wasilknj@linkup.us or let the office know. *Thank you, Jen Wasilk*

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace | Cost: \$10 per class

Wed. Mornings: 8:30-9:45 AM | Thurs. Evenings: 5:30-6:45 PM



"For the month of November, each week,
please bring 2 canned goods that are
comfortable to hold in your hands. We will
use them as weights in class, and then
donate them to our food bank box!
Thank you for helping feed Lorain County!"

Front Steps will be closed January & February for safety reasons.
The elevator and west Walker lobby doors will be open.

The office will be closed Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 26-27 for
Thanksgiving. Wishing my second church family the most
wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday! -*Blessings, Kaye*

Needed! Red Kettle Bell Ringers

For MANY years, members of St. Peter's UCC, have helped the Amherst Salvation Army, ring the Red Kettle Bells. This year we are ringing on **Sat., Dec. 13, from 9-6** at the Amherst Giant Eagle. The money you collect will be used to help Amherst area families in times of need to buy food, gas, heat, etc. There are kettles at both the EAST and WEST doors so a family of 2 can cover a shift and teenage children OR grandchildren are WELCOME! PLEASE get into the Christmas Spirit AND donate an hour or two. *Thank you, Don Ramsey*

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.



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., Nov. 24	Preschool Sharing Party
Tues., Nov. 25	Preschool Sharing Party Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
Wed., Nov. 26	Office Closed YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
Thurs., Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day Office Closed
Sun., Nov. 30	Worship Service 10 AM, 1st Sunday in Advent

How To Reach Us

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to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.

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