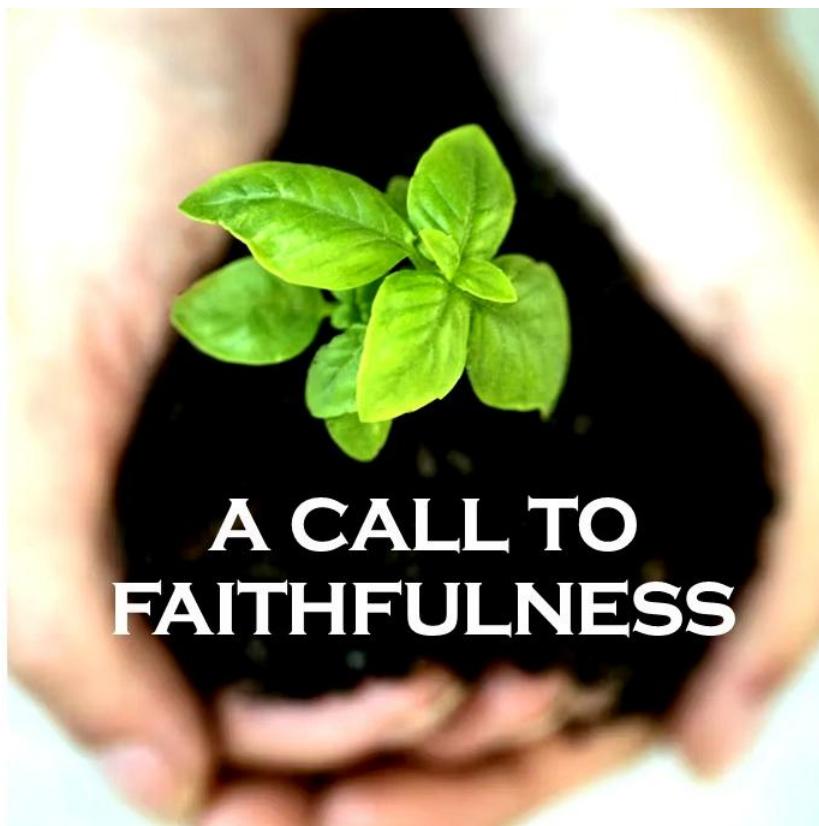




ST. PETER'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



A CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

Feb. 1, 2026 | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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 together this day to say farewell to one who came to us and shared his talent with us.

People: Through his gift our worship has been enhanced. His music has carried us to new heights of praise.

Leader: God has blessed us this past year, but it is time now for Daesean to move on.

People: Thanks be to God for the genius of this gifted young man who made our worship special.

HANDBELL ANTHEM: *“Jesus Loves Me/O How I Love Jesus”*
by Douglas E. Wagner/Lorenz Publishing

***HYMN #278 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”**

INVOCATION (unison) Les Kreeger

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, from time to time You place someone special upon this earth to share the great talent that You have given them. During this past year we have been blessed in that our lives have intersected with the life of Daesean Lawson. Through his music we have been lifted up in worship. It has truly been a privilege to know this young man. Now, as he travels on, following the road that You have set before him, we reluctantly let him go, praying that wherever he goes he will touch lives as he has touched ours. Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the past year. In the name of the Triune God we pray. Amen.

HYMN #274 *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Les Kreeger

Joshua 24:14-15 #188

Matthew 25:14-29 #807

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Well Done, Faithful Servant"

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

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #349 *"Trust and Obey"*

*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

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

Les Kreeger

Ushers

Fred Helyes, Susan Cherry

Church News

Ponderings about St. Peter’s

Newspapers and magazines often use fillers to make their pages complete. Below are some that were used in our 1924 church newsletter, “the Pilot”. Enjoy and consider the underlying message.

“A hearse is a poor vehicle in which to go to church. Better go while you are alive. It will do you more good.”

“There are 168 hours per week. Can’t you spare a couple of them each week for the House of God.”

“If absence makes the heart grow fonder, how some people must love the church?”



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!

Circle Six Update

Circle Six's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:00 pm. At 7:00 pm Kayla Clark from the Lorain County Historical Society will be doing a presentation as part of their America 250 Speaker Series in Fellowship Hall. February's America 250-Ohio theme is "Ohio Works", focusing on inventors and different innovations that originated from the state. The congregation is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided. I look forward to seeing you all there! *Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President*

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*

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training

We are holding a class on Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and use of the Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) on

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026 beginning at 9 am. The class will last three to four hours. For members of St. Peter's the cost is \$35 and for those not members the cost is \$70. Make checks payable to St. Peter's UCC and sign up with Geoff Gatz at 440-984-3552 or gwgatz@gmail.com.

GriefShare - Signup Now!

Feb. 12 through May 14, 2026 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM

GriefShare* is a program for those who are grieving the loss by death of a loved one. The program combines instructive video with interactive discussion designed to present positive ideas and promote a plan for healing of those deep wounds of the heart caused by a death. GriefShare* is non-denominational. Cost is \$20 for course materials. Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Mike to sign up ASAP! Thank you.

Bible Study is now only 1 day a week, Tuesdays, from 1:45-2:45 PM. We hope everyone can join us!

Preschool Open House Request!

The preschool is requesting snack items for their Open House which will be on Sat., Feb 14 from 10-11:30 AM. Donations of small water bottles, small bags of pretzels, clementines, teddy grahams and other "to go" type of snacks would be welcomed. **Please label donations "For Preschool" and drop off in the kitchen by Feb. 12. Thank you!**

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 5:30-6:45 PM Cost is \$10 per class.



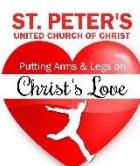
Tomorrow, Feb. 2nd is Groundhog Day!

Will the groundhog see his shadow?

Punxsutawney, 1886 marked the first time that Groundhog Day appeared in the local newspaper. The Groundhog Day ceremony which is held at Punxsutawney in western Pennsylvania, centers on a semi-mythical

groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil. It has become the most frequently attended ceremony. It is a tradition observed regionally in the United States and Canada on February 2. It derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early. The earliest mention of Groundhog Day is an entry on February 2, 1840, in the diary of James L. Morris of Morgantown, in Pennsylvania Dutch Country, according to the book on the subject by Don Yoder.

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., Feb. 3 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
 Bible Study 1:45-2:45 PM, Fireside Room
 Circle Six, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Wed., Feb. 4 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM

Thurs., Feb. 5 YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
 Handbell Rehearsal, 7PM, Sanctuary

Sun., Feb. 8 Worship Service 10 AM - Worship Comm. Meeting

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