



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SALT AND LIGHT



**Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and
give glory to your Father in heaven.**

Feb. 8, 2026 | Fifth 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: From all walks of life, from all national origins,
male and female, old and young, we have
gathered here today.

**People: A church is like a recipe, with each element
working together to form a wonderful whole.**

Leader: What the end result will be, only God knows.

**People: We will each be content to do our part in this
great recipe, with the help of God above.**

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMN #26** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

INVOCATION (*unison*) Terry Deliman

**Almighty God our Heavenly Father, we have come together
today as a church; a recipe having many ingredients. Each
of us brings something unique to this conglomeration.
Yet we are all here for one purpose, and that purpose is to
serve You. You are the material that binds us together into
a complete whole. You are the Universal One who blends
our talents together to make the church into a finely
crafted creation. We are a product of all our parts, but
made unique in our whole because of You. Bless us by
Your continued presence. This we pray in the name of the
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN #172 *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

The Commissioning of the Spirit and Compassion Team

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Terry Deliman

Psalm 112:1-9 #490

Matthew 5:13-16 #786

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: *"The Well-Seasoned Church"*

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #493 *"It is Well With My Soul"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE

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

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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
Pianist
Zoom Director
Zoom Assistant
Worship Producer
Director of Music
Scripture Reader
Ushers

Pastor Mike Boehm
Cindy Boehm
Mary K. Kirsch
Tom Hollstein
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Terry Deliman
Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz,
Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

Church News

Ponderings about St. Peter's

This coming Saturday is St. Valentine's Day, but what do you know about St. Valentine? Who was he? What did he do? Why is he called a saint?



Saint Valentine, known as Valentino in Italian, lived in the 3rd century during the Roman Empire. He was a Roman priest and physician who was martyred on February 14th. Emperor Claudius II banned marriage for young men because he believed single men were better soldiers. Valentine performed secret marriages for couples in love, and this eventually led to his arrest. While he was in prison he healed his jailer's blind daughter.

This helped establish him as a miracle worker. He was executed around 269 AD. The Roman Catholic Church still recognizes him

as a saint; however, he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969. St. Valentine is the patron saint of lovers, people with epilepsy and beekeepers. Numerous churches around the world claim to be in possession of his relics. His skull is said to be in Rome; his shoulder blade is in Prague; a vessel with some of his blood in Dublin; and relics inside a wax effigy in Florissant, Missouri.

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.



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!

Request for Favorite Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn. 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*

Circle Six Happenings

Circle Six is pleased to announce **The Bobby Jones Family** will be live in concert at St. Peter's UCC on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. The congregation is invited to attend and is also open to the public. There will be refreshments served in Fellowship Hall afterwards. The Bobby Jones Family are residents of Amherst. If you have never heard them perform, you can check them out at WWW.THEBOBBYJONESFAMILYMUSIC.COM. Please pass this along to your family and friends.

Thank you! Sally Readinger, President

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.

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.

Second Annual Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser

The second annual Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser is happening through the entire month of **February**. If you did not receive a flyer, envelopes will be available at either sanctuary entrance door. The flyer is explanatory, but any questions should be referred to Lynda Helyes or Christine Burman. Thank you for your generous donation. -Christine D Burman

Due to our recent exposure to the ASHER (Active Shooter/ Hostage Response) program, and in part due to a recent security event, we have decided that the doors to the sanctuary will be locked from the outside on Sunday morning after the Prelude. We regret having to go to this extreme, as it seems counter to our policy of welcoming the visitor. Unfortunately, in the real world we live in these days, we must protect the safety of our members and staff as the higher priority. -Pastor Mike

Handbell Choir will now be rehearsing on Tuesdays at 1:45 PM. There will not be a rehearsal on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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. 10 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
 Bible Study 1:45-2:45 PM, Fireside Room
- Wed., Feb. 11 Preschool Valentine Party
 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Feb. 12 Preschool Valentine Party
 GriefShare, 2-4 PM, Fireside Room
 YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
- Sat., Feb. 14 First Aid, CPR & AED Class, 9AM, Fellowship Hall
 Preschool Open House, 10-11:30 AM
- Sun., Feb. 15 Worship Service 10 AM

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

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:30-2:00 PM

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Please visit our website, **www.stpetersamherst.org**
to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.

Also, we now have the ability to accept donations by TEXT!

For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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