



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



Love is patient; love is kind;  
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.  
It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable;  
it keeps no record of wrongs;  
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.  
It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

Feb. 15, 2026 | Transfiguration 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) Pastor Mike Boehm

Leader: The Love of God and His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit has brought us together today.

**People: The Love of God is our true foundation, holding us together in an unloving world.**

Leader: The love of God keeps us going when times get tough.

**People: Let us praise our Loving God for all that He has done for us, now and forever. Amen.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*\*HYMN #477 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*

INVOCATION (*unison*) Sally Readinger

**Loving God, be with us this day of worship as we remember martyrs such as Valentine, who gave his life in the spirit of love and in service to Your children. Grant that we ourselves may always be motivated by love in all that we do. For where love is present, there can be no envy or hate. Anger shrinks away from love, and the mouth that speaks with love cannot also speak evil things. Love is the thing that binds the universe. Let there always be love in this congregation. We pray this in the name of the Triune God. Amen.**

*HYMN #424 "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Sally Readinger

Song of Solomon 2:1-6 #544

1 Corinthians 13 #934

\* + Gloria Patri #623

Special Music: *"The Rose"*, Pastor Mike & Cindy  
Amanda McBroom, arr. Dan Coates

SERMON: "Seeds of Love"

## OFFERING

Offertory

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #284 *"They'll Know We Are Christians..."*

\*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  
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  
Sally Readinger

# Church News

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

This week we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday, a holy day of fasting and prayer in our Christian Calendar. It marks the beginning of the seven-week period of Lent. On this day we receive ashes that are made by burning the palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday. The wearing of ashes as a sign of repentance that dates to biblical times. Originally the ashes were sprinkled on people's heads. Now they are placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross to indicate being a follower of Jesus. The minister or priest usually says something like: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return"; or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." In some places "Ashes to Go" are done where the clergy stand in public places (sidewalks, train stations, markets, etc.) and distribute ashes. There are also regional customs, for example, in Hungary if

someone didn't receive ashes you can share the blessings by rubbing foreheads together. In Iceland children pin bags of ashes on the back of an unsuspecting person and sing songs for candy.



## 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!

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

## **St. Elizabeth Meal, Feb. 18 at 4:30 PM**

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain We need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare. Thank you!

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## **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](mailto:wasilknj@linkup.us) or let the office know. *Thank you, Jen Wasilk*

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**Coffee Chats** Hey All! Please come join us any Wednesday from 9-11 AM. We will meet from 9-11 AM at Panera Bread (Oak Point Road). 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.

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## **GriefShare** **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. Our program began this past Thursday.

# YOGA with Mary-K

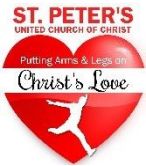
**Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace**

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

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

Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

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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., Feb. 16	Presidents' Day, No Preschool
Tues., Feb. 17	Council Meeting, 9AM, Fellowship Hall Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 AM, Sanctuary Bible Study 1:45 PM, Fireside Room Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
Wed., Feb. 18	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM St. Elizabeth Center meal, 4:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service, 7 PM, Sanctuary
Thurs., Feb. 19	YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM GriefShare, 2-4 PM, Fireside
Sun., Feb. 22	Worship Service 10 AM

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

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For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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