



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

# WHAT IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that every-  
one who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“...God did not send the Son  
into the world **to condemn the world**  
*but* in order that the  
**world might be saved through him.**

March 1, 2026 | Second Sunday in Lent

# 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: Sisters and brothers, gather together. Do you hear the sound of celebration?

**People: It is the celebration of new life in Jesus.**

Leader: It has nothing to do with obstetrics or maternity. It is the celebration of the birth of souls in Christ.

**People: Praise God above for new life which is in the Spirit. Praise the Lord on High for Redemption and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM: *"The Water is Wide"*, Arr. by Judy Phillips  
Scottish Folk Melody, "O Way Way"

\*HYMN #208 *"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Vicki Zeller

**Be with us this day, O Lord, and forgive us for the petty sins that we have committed in this past week. For we have become impatient in line in the grocery store or shopping place. We have honked our horn and perhaps made a gesture in anger at another driver on the highway. We have allowed ourselves to be guided and goaded into hatred at a person or at people who disagree with us, at the urging of a newscaster whose sole interest is to keep us watching each night. There are so many little sins that we commit without even thinking of them. In this season of Lent, keep us true to**

**the teachings of Jesus Christ, and lead us on the straight and narrow road that leads to you. Amen.**

HYMN #322 *"In Remembrance"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Vicki Zeller

Psalm 121 #498

John 3:1-17 #863

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Born Again"

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

**OFFERING**

Offertory

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #183 *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*Choral Benediction

\*Pastoral Benediction

**POSTLUDE**

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



**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
Pianist	Cindy Boehm
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Vicki Zeller
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz, Luena Beale, Walter Beale

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# Church News

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**HELP! HELP! HELP!**

## **Altar Guild Needs Your Help!**

We are a small group who prepares the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship. Unfortunately, our numbers are getting smaller as we lose members due to illness and aging, and this increases the work load on the rest of us remaining. We'd love to have YOU join us, and men are also welcome! Please contact Lynn Hollstein for more information.

## Circle Six - The Bobby Jones Family Concert

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](http://WWW.THEBOBBYJONESFAMILYMUSIC.COM). Please pass this along to your family and friends.

*Thank you! Sally Readinger, President*

## Ponderings about St. Peter's



A.C. Ernst was the pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Church from 1926-1929. During his time here Sunday School was held at 9:15; the English Service at 10:15 and the German Service at 11:00. Besides the usual duties of a pastor, he was an active member of the Ministerial Association of Amherst. August Carl Ernst was born in Germany in 1879. He and his wife, Alma

Marie, had two children, a daughter, Athalia and a son, William. During his tenure with us the parsonage was located at 510 Church Street, and the preliminary work was being done for our current parsonage. Rev. Ernst resigned in 1929 and moved with his family to Oberlin where they planned to make their home for the summer. A newspaper article stated that "He will be engaged in literary work temporarily." In late June of 1929 a public auction of "Household Goods" was held by the Ernsts that included a great deal of furniture, and special items such as an apple picker, bench with vise; and Carrom Board. The family eventually moved to Illinois where Rev. Ernst died in 1964.

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## GriefShare

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

GriefShare\* is a program for those who are grieving the loss by death of a loved one. See Pastor Mike for more information.



# 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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## **Request for Favorite Hymns**

We are working on the summer and fall list of hymns and songs for the congregation to sing during the services. If you have favorite hymns for summer and fall, please send them to Jennifer Wasilk. Thank you.

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**Coffee Chats** Please join us Wednesdays from 9-11 AM at Panera Bread (Oak Point Road) for fun and fellowship. Bring a friend! We look forward to growing our breakfast group.

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**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

# Film Study Group

Pastor Mike would like to start a once-a-month film study group. Film Studies take a film that is in the public domain such as *The Village* and pulls them apart for the theology that they contain. Although I cannot advertise specific films before I show them, in the past I have used films such as *Leap of Faith, Friendly Persuasion, Knowing, and many more.* These studies would most likely occur on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to noon, watching the movie first and then having discussion, followed by a potluck lunch. **If interested, please meet Pastor Mike in the Fireside room after service.**

## YOGA with Mary-K

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

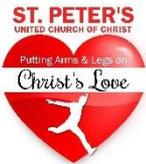
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

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

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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

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- Tues., Mar. 3      Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary  
Bible Study 1:45 PM, Fireside Room  
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary  
Circle Six, 6 PM meeting & 7 PM The Bobby Jones  
Family concert in the Sanctuary
- Wed., Mar. 4      YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Mar. 5      Morning Mingle 9 AM  
GriefShare 2-4 PM, Fireside Room  
YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
- Sun., Mar. 8      Worship Service 10 AM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent

## How To Reach Us

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