



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
“If you have ears, hear!”**

July 12, 2026 | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.) + (if needed, use green insert in hymnal rack)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: *"Preamble" (excerpt)*, Louis Vierne,
organist: Daniel Jacky

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Rev. Kelly Brill

Leader: We have come today to prepare our souls
for the planting.

**People: We pray that our souls may be worthy
to be called "good ground".**

Leader: The field is ready to receive the seed.

**People: May it be fruitful and multiply it
thousand fold. Amen.**

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

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Cookie McLoda

Spirit of the Living God, we invite You to enter into our souls and bring peace and harmony into our lives. For a heart that is bothered by the turmoil of the day has no room for Your Spirit. A heart that is worried about war and violence has no room to rejoice in Your presence. We should be concerned about these things. But we cannot become so preoccupied with them that they consume our spirit for You. You are the solution to all our problems. You are the ultimate peace. Let us always remember that as we travel through this veil of tears into which You have seen fit to place us. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

HYMN #347 *"Be Still, My Soul"*

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Cookie McLoda

Romans 8:7-11 #919

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 #794

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "What We Can Learn from Gardening"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"The Church's One Foundation"*, Michael Burkhardt,
organist: Daniel Jacky

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ: *Please remain in your pew as your
share the peace of Christ.*

*HYMN #435 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Epic Ode"*, Ralph H. Bellairs, organist: Daniel Jacky
(*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

Rev. Kelly Brill
Cindy Boehm
Mary K. Kirsch
Tom Hollstein, Tanner Wasilk
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Cookie McLoda
Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes,
Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

Church News



Summer Coffee Hour Program

June, July, August the coffee hour is provided by the summer host and hostess program.

The sign-up sheet is located near the coffee for those who are willing to participate. All proceeds will go for the church improvement which includes the garden fund.

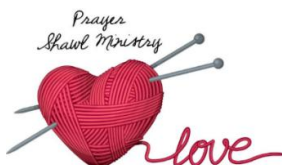
Special thanks to Rev. Kelly Brill for leading our worship service in Pastor Mike's absence.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER	
GREETERS: 9:30 11:00	5th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Helen Joyce
ACOLYTES: 9:30 11:00	Scott Engle! Donna McDaniel Suean Hudson! Kim Koon
USHERS: 9:30 11:00	Brian Schmitzbaum George Hildstrom
What's Missing CH - CH UR	ATTENDANCE CHURCH 1977 9:30 101 11:00 102 104 1978 9:30 102 11:00 101 107 SUNDAY'S SERMON TOPIC "OUR CHRISTIAN HOME"
LOSING PATIENT Wednesday: Women's Guild Meeting, 7:00 a.m. Nave, Project, Open Sacrament. Program will feature Mrs. Ruth Kane and "Christmas stories". Entertainers: Arlene Van Dey, Lorraine Darnan, Alice Benetich, Jane Van Horn, Alice Smith, Beth Barnes. Devotions by Susan Elliott. Knitted items and proceeds for our Women Tree are to be brought to this service. Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Women's Club Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Child Rehearsal followed by Band Bell Choir Friday: Old-Mo Fellowship Christmas Progressive Supper - 6:30 at the W. House, then to Van Dyke, then to Sappala.	

In the late 1970s our church had a weekly newsletter - "St. Peter's Newsletter" (a two-sided sheet) - that was mailed to all our members. The front side contained who the Greeters, Acolytes and Ushers would be for the coming week; the attendance from the previous week with a comparison to the year before; and the Sunday sermon topic. It also held Announcements of church events for the coming week. The reverse side held other pertinent church information. **Remember**

"communication" is a vital part of good relationships!



Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry

Prayer shawls and lap blankets are still available! These are for the public as well as our own congregation. You can lift someone up with prayers, love, and messages of healing! There is always a need for donations of yarn to create these prayer items. *Thank you! -Christine D Burman*

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.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain



Wednesday, July 15 we need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM. For July, August, and September we will be serving ice cream. This gives our bakers a well-deserved break! If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare.

Pastor Mike will be returning from vacation on Tuesday, July 14th

If you need help, feel free to contact Pastor David Hill from First Church in Oberlin. You can contact him at **440-775-1711, ext. 2** or his email at **pastor@firstchurchoberlin.org**.

St. Peter's UCC Food Pantry

In Partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry.

We will be stopping the food collection for the Children's Weekend Food Program through the summer, but will resume in the fall. We will continue to collect the following items for the Food Pantry for families in ne

**Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce,
Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter,
and Canned Fruit**



Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes and Pam and Becky will deliver items to Good Shepherd. Thanks everyone!

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

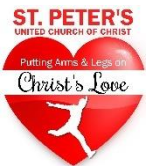
Wednesday Mornings | 8:25-9:45 AM

Thursday class will resume in September.

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!



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., July 14	Pastor Mike will be back from vacation
Wed., July 15	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM St. Elizabeth Meal, 4:30 PM
Sun., July 19	Worship Service, 10 AM

H o w T o R e a c h U s

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

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