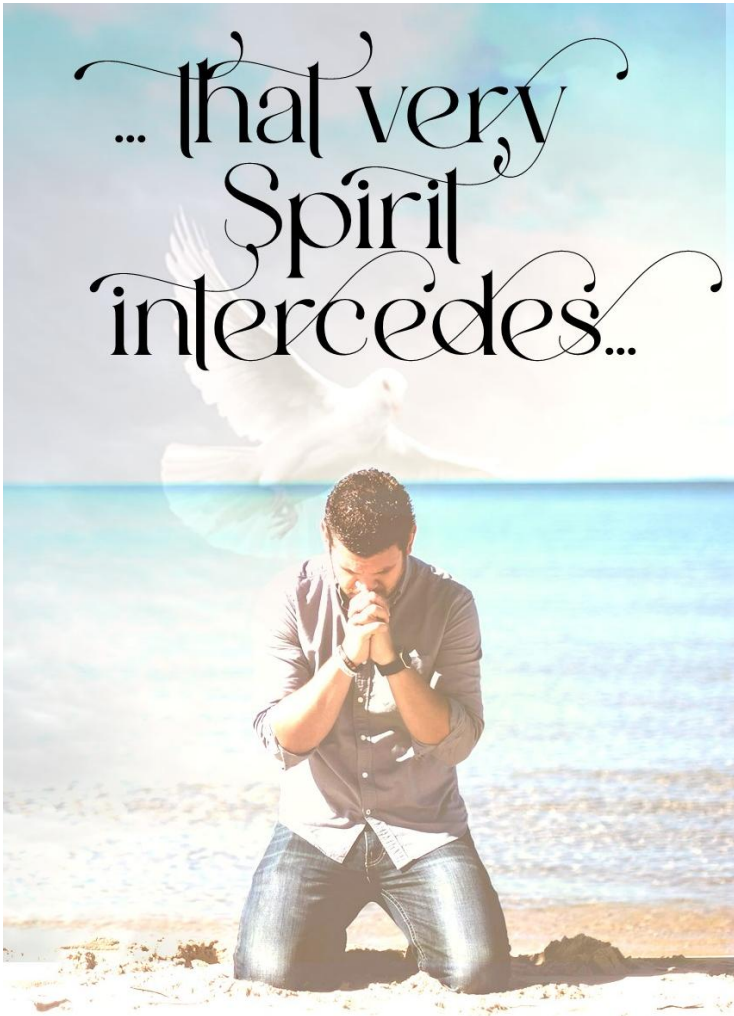




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



July 26, 2026 | Ninth 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: *"Abide With Me"* (improvisation, excerpt), William H. Monk / arr: Daniel Jacky, organist: Daniel Jacky

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Pastor Mike Boehm

Leader: We are saved by the blood of the Lamb.

**People: We are made One with God by the
Love of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: In His name we gather to pray and praise.

People: Glory be to God on High!

**Hymn #505 "Love Lifted Me"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Judy McCurdy

Almighty God, Father of the past, present and future, free us from the dogmas of the past and make us free thinkers, ready to probe the invisible boundaries that society has set before us. Let no one be afraid of not being accepted into our worship, for indeed we are all brothers and sisters, no matter the shape of our eyes or the color of our skin. You have created this world in rich diversity. Let us therefore see in the diversity of life, and recognize others as One in the Spirit. It is in this Spirit we pray. Amen.

HYMN #425 *"In The Garden"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Judy McCurdy

Psalm 105:1-11 #484

Romans 8:26-30 #919

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Predestined"

OFFERING

Offertory: "*Meditation on 'Gaudeamus Domino'*"
(excerpt), Karl Osterland, 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 #1 "*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*"

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: "*Danny Boy*", *An Irish Folk tune*

(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, Tanner Wasilk
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Judy McCurdy
Christine Burman, Betty Pekare
Fred Helyes, Jerry Rush

Church News



Summer Coffee Hour Program

We continue through August with the coffee hour program provided by the summer host and hostess volunteers. *Thanks to all of you who have signed up to serve!* 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.

Bible Study at St. Peter's

Pastor Mike will be starting up his Bible Study on Tues., Sept. 8th, at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. We will decide on where we will start studying at the first meeting. This will be every Tuesday. We hope you will join us!

Ponderings about St. Peter's



From 1929 – 1943
the Rev. Christian
Edward Schmidt
served as our pastor.
He was born in

Santa Claus, Indiana in August 1889. He attended Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary. He married Hulda Meyer in 1913. During his tenure with us our organ was installed and dedicated; our present parsonage was erected; the sanctuary was redecorated and new lights were installed. At this time St. Peter's Sunday School was at 9:30; Worship Service at 10:30; and a German Service was also held. Rev. Schmidt also was responsible for St. John's in South Amherst. In 1942 he was elected president of the Amherst's Community & War Fund Drive. In 1932 he was a major part of the celebration of St. Peter's Diamond Jubilee festivities. The following is the prayer he wrote for the occasion.

We Thank Thee!

For giving us this glorious day,
That marks our Diamond Jubilee,
When we the gifts of love do lay,
Thine altar full and free,
Father, we thank Thee!

For all the faithful pilgrim bands,
That sought to serve Thee in their way,
For those, who at Thine own commands,
Themselves to rest in peace did lay,
Father, we thank Thee!

For what the future still can bring,
To those, who gladly heed Thy call,
For voices true, Thy love to sing,
And crown Thee Lord of all,
Father, we thank Thee!

He was well liked by our congregation who in 1935 held a surprise evening service for him to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination. He died in Chicago where he was the pastor at St. Andrew's Church on May 12, 1952.



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

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 need.

**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."



Panera Bread

Wednesdays from 9-11:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Join us for good fellowship and breakfast or just coffee. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus frequently used shared meals to build relationships, teach, and demonstrate God's love. Known for dining with a wide variety of people, His table fellowship broke cultural barriers. Join us!

YOGA with Mary-K

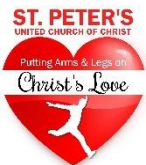
Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

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

Wed., July 29 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
Sun., Aug. 2 Worship Service, 10 AM
Communion Sunday

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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