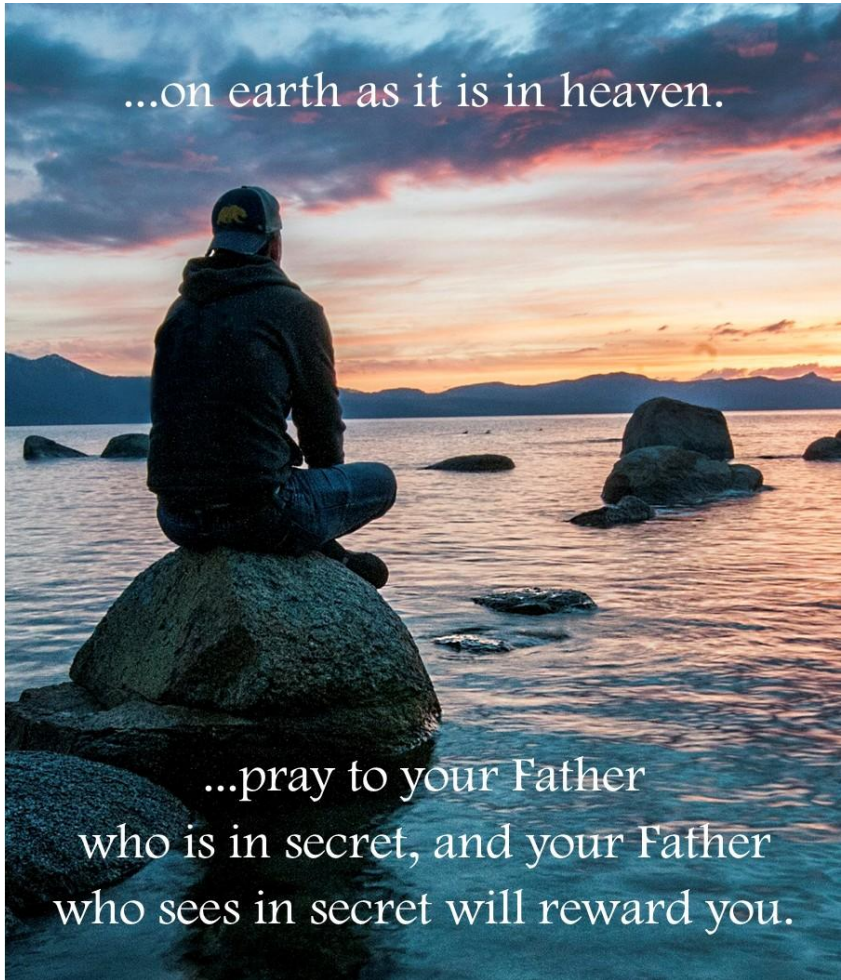




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...on earth as it is in heaven.



...pray to your Father
who is in secret, and your Father
who sees in secret will reward you.

August 2, 2026 | Tenth 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: *"Prelude in E-flat" BWV552/1 (excerpt)*, J. S. Bach,
organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: We have gathered together this morning to Worship
God and to seek knowledge.

**People: Although we have been Christians for many
years, there are still many things that we
do not understand.**

Leader: We know that God accepts our questioning, if our
questions are for the purpose of improving our faith.

**People: Praise God above for accepting our curious nature
and for understanding our quest for knowledge.**

**Hymn #354 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Bill Kinloch

**Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all
things, hear us as we pray. We live in a world of curiosity,
with each day bringing new questions to our minds. Many
of those questions concern You, and the essence of Your
teachings. Why do we pray? How does prayer function in
our lives? Do You always hear us? In this hour of
meditation, prayer and praise, we pray that we will be
granted new enlightenment, and that we will improve our
relationship with You. In the Triune name we pray. Amen.**

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

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Bill Kinloch

Psalm 8 (unison) #427

Matthew 6:5-15 #787

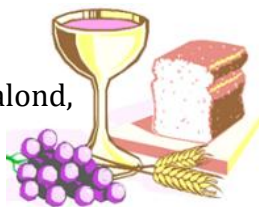
* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Why Bother With Prayer?"

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

OFFERING

Offertory: ""Toccata" (excerpt), William Walond,
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 #345 "Blessed Assurance"

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: "Shenandoah", A traditional American Folk Song

(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.

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Jennifer Wasilk

Bill Kinloch

Terry Deliman, Christine Burman,

Betty Pekare

Church News

AMHERST CROP HUNGER WALK - JOIN US!

Sunday, Sept. 20 | 2 PM - meet at 5 point in Amherst

Get your pledge form from the church office, get sponsors / donations. If you can't walk, you can sponsor someone.

Thank you for helping this community-led fundraising event to END HUNGER.

Bible Study Revision on Time

Pastor Mike's Bible Study will start **Tues., Sept. 8th, at 1:45 PM** in the Fireside Room. Sorry, last week's post was incorrect. We hope many will join us as we journey through the Bible!



Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are given by Terry Deliman *in loving memory of* his beloved mother, Bev Mischka, and sister Susan Deliman. May



God continue to comfort the hearts of family and friends always as we remember loved ones.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

From the 2003 Circle Six Cookbook:

Appetizers & Beverages – “So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” - I Corinthians 10:31

BLT DIP – from the kitchen of Lori Kissling

1 lb. bacon (fried crisp and crumbled) 8 oz. Hellmann's mayonnaise
2-3 medium Tomatoes chopped 8 oz. sour cream

Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate for at least one hour.
Serve with cut-up sourdough, Italian or pumpernickel bread



Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry

Prayer shawls and lap blankets are still available! So far, 26 prayer shawls and 64 lap blankets have actually been donated out. That does not include what is stored in the back of the sanctuary or in the plastic bins in the fellowship hall. And, many went into the community, not just for members. There is a label on each that shows they are from St. Peters. Last December, I donated 20 to the cancer center (Mercy hospital, off Rt. 2) There is always a need for donations of yarn to create these

prayer items. If you have skeins of yarn laying around, we'll be happy to take them off your hands.
Thank you! -Christine D Burman

St. Peter's UCC Food Pantry

In Partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry.

We will begin the food collection for the Children's Weekend Food Program starting in September. I'll post the items they'll need in the August 23rd bulletin. In August we will 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."



Sunset Café at Lakeview Park in Lorain!

Wednesday, August 12th at Noon for lunch

Everyone is welcome! Join us for good fellowship and lunch.
Throughout the Gospels, Jesus frequently used shared meals to build relationships.

Join us!

P.S. This coming Wednesday, Aug. 5th we will meet at our regular meeting place, Panera Bread.

Spirit and Compassion Meeting **Thursday, Aug. 6 at 10:30 AM | Fireside**

Our team will finish planning for the Shut-in members and their guest's Ice Cream Social that will be August 13th from 2-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks You!

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., Aug. 5 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
Thurs., Aug. 6 Spirit and Compassion Meeting, 10:30 AM, Fireside
Sun., Aug. 9 Worship Service, 10 AM

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