

This Week's Events

Wed., July 1 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
Sun., July 5 Worship Service, 10 AM, Communion Sunday
Mon., July 6 Office closed, Independence Holiday

Pastor Mike will be on vacation from July 6 – July 12.

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

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For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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June 28, 2026 | Sixth 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: "American Trilogy" Pastor Mike & Kody Beiswenger

"An American Trilogy" is a musical arrangement created by country composer and singer Mickey Newbury in 1971. Originally published by **Acuff-Rose Publications, Inc.**, the medley was famously popularized by Elvis Presley in 1972

*Pledge of Allegiance the the Flag

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

Leader: We have gathered together today to praise the Lord,
who is the Author of Freedom,

**People: We have come to give thanks for the Freedom to
worship God as we see fit.**

Leader: We are not taxed to support a state church. No one
took our names down as we entered today.

**People: We are free under God. Praise God for Our nation,
our freedom, and our lives.**

*Hymn #572 "America the Beautiful"

INVOCATION (unison)

Terry Deliman

Almighty God, Father of all creation, enter into our
worship this day and remind us that freedom is a
privilege that every individual that walks on this earth is
entitled to. Know that we are grateful for the privilege of
calling ourselves Americans, but remind us that with this
privilege comes great responsibilities. Remind us of

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Rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

From Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, it reminds us that
true value lies in essence rather than labels.

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Morning | 8:25-9:45 AM

No Thursday Evening Yoga until 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**

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of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that National morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."



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!

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. Becky will deliver items in Pam's absence. Thanks everyone!

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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those who are too poor to enjoy freedom. Remind us of those who are still oppressed, and instill in our hearts that idea that oppression does not have to come through political systems, but can be a condition of our spirit if we allow ourselves to feel superior to people who are not like us. Keep us steadfast to our promises. In the Triune Name we pray, Amen.

HYMN #571 "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Terry Deliman

Psalms 1

Jeremiah 31 : 31-34

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "One Nation Under God"

OFFERING

Offertory: "Let There Be Peace on Earth", Cy Miller / Jill Jackson/arr. Charity Boyles, organist Pam Schuster

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

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

*HYMN #576 "God Bless America"

*BENEDICTION

*Pastoral Benediction

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POSTLUDE: "God Bless America", Pastor Mike and Kody Beiswenger

the song "God Bless America" was written by Irving Berlin in 1918 during World War I and revised in 1938. It became a patriotic anthem, especially after being recorded by Kate Smith, who made it her signature song.
(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)

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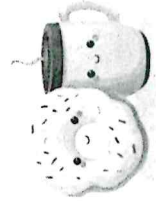


Everyone is Welcome! Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host. If you are visiting for the first time, we are delighted to have you here!
The Psalmist sings: "Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise." We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend.

WORSHIP TEAM

Minister	Pastor Mike Boehm
Pianist	Cindy Boehm
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein, Tanner Wasilk
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Vicki Zeller
Ushers	

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

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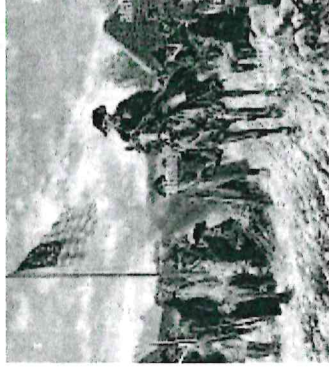
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church improvement which includes the garden fund.

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.

Ponderings about St. Peter's



Yesterday we celebrated our country's 250th birthday. It is important to remember that our founding fathers were religious men. George Washington was baptized and raised in the Anglican Church (Episcopal today). As the general leading our troops during the Revolutionary War he made every effort to have military chaplains for his troops and attended services with his men. When traveling he would attend nearby churches no matter what their denomination. One historian calculated that he attended services at Presbyterian, Quaker, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Dutch Reformed and Congregational churches. Throughout his time as our nation's leader, he encouraged the declaration of days of prayer and fasting as well as days of Thanksgiving. He encouraged his troops to "stop swearing and gambling because he told them that it was unseemly to ask God's favor on their efforts if they were constantly insulting him by their behavior." In his Farewell Address in 1796 Washington reminded us that a good education could not make up for a lack of religion.

"Let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence

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