



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mercy

“So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”



Aug. 30, 2026 | Fourteenth 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: *"At Summer's End"* (excerpts), George Blake,
organist: Daniel Jacky

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

Leader: We gather together today as people heavy in debt.

**People: Even the wealthiest among us is
burdened down with debt.**

Leader: For we owe the Lord our souls, our minds
and our very lives.

**People: We owe our loudest praises and our deepest
thanks unto God. We are here to pay our debt.
Amen.**

**Hymn #381 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Christine Burman

**Holy Lord Jesus, Almighty Redeemer of our souls, come to
us this day. For we are poor and downtrodden, and
weighed down by our sin. There is no way that we can
repay you for all that you have done for us. We cannot take
the nails into our palms, nor hang on the cross as You have
done for us. Yet You do not expect us to do so, for You have
already paid for our sins. We owe You more than we can
ever repay. Yet You love us. Abide within us through Your
Holy Spirit and lead us on the paths of righteousness every
day of our lives. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #326 "Softly and Tenderly"

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Christine Burman

Matthew 18:21-35 #800

Matthew 22:34-40 #804

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Up to Our Eyeballs in Debt"

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

OFFERING

Offertory: "*Blest Be The Tie That Binds*" (excerpts), Johann G. Naegeli, organist: Daniel Jacky

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #342 "*Just As I Am*"

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: "*Just a Closer Walk With Me*", Text and Music:
Traditional 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.

WORSHIP TEAM

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Xavier Wasilk
Christine Burman
Sue Cherry, Betty Pekare,
Gary Thompson

Church News

Film Study to Start!

On Wed., Sept. 9th at 11:30 a.m. we will begin our monthly film study. The study takes specially chosen secular films and looks for hidden theology within the film. **On the second Wednesday** of each month we will gather for a **potluck lunch**. Cindy and I will provide the main course (*chateau brion extremely unlikely!*), and we will watch the film while we eat. A guide sheet will be handed out before the film begins, telling the participant what to look for. We will begin our study with *Leap of Faith* starring Steve Martin. Come join us in this unique way to learn more about God and faith. ***RSVP would be appreciated.*** -Pastor Mike

Bible Study

Join us Tues., Sept. 8th, at 1:45 PM in the Fireside Room.

Circle Six News

Circle Six will now be holding their monthly meetings on the **1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.** Our first meeting is September 1st in the Fellowship Hall and is our opening potluck picnic lunch. Members bring a covered dish to share, their own place setting and drink. Please also bring a friend! -Sally Readinger, President

Ponderings about St. Peter's

From the 2003 Circle Six Cookbook:

Desserts – *"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."* -Proverbs 16:24

REESE CUP DESSERT– from the kitchen of Dot Wilford

Crust:

½ c. butter	¾ tsp. baking soda	1 c. sugar
¼ tsp. salt		1 egg
½ c. cocoa		1 tsp. vanilla
1 ¼ c. all-purpose flour		

In large bowl, cream together butter, sugar, egg and vanilla, until mixture is light and fluffy. In a separate bowl combine flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt. Add to creamed mixture and stir. Pat mixture evenly into the bottom of a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. (The crust is almost like a brownie.)

Filling:

1 (8 oz.) pkg, cream cheese	½ c. peanut butter
1 c. powdered sugar	9 oz. Cool Whip, plus more for the topping

In a bowl, using electric beaters, whip cream cheese until it is soft and fluffy. Beat in sugar; add peanut butter and beat again. Fold 9 ounces Cool Whip into the mixture. Blend well. Spread filling on the cooled crust; refrigerate.

Topping:

Additional Cool Whip 6 Reese's Cup candy bars, crushed or chopped
Spread additional Cool Whip on top after the filling sets and is chilled. Put chopped Reese's Cup over top. Refrigerate until well chilled. Serve dessert very cold. 12 servings.

St. Peter's UCC Food Pantry

In Partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry.

Children's Weekend Food Program

Thanks for helping feed our children!

Single Serving PB & Jelly

Canned Soup (Pop top lids)

Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)

Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)

Peanut Butter Crackers

Individual Cereals

Granola Bars

Oatmeal Packages

Small Bag Chips

Small Bag Pretzels

Fruit Cups | Jello Cups

Fruit Gummies

There's also a need of the following items for the Food Pantry:

Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Tuna & Fruit, Peanut Butter

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church.

Pam Miskov and Becky Woods will make sure donations are

delivered. Thanks everyone for all you do in helping others!

**Voice Choir Rehearsal will begin
on Tues., Sept. 1st at 12:30 in the
Sanctuary!**



**Rehearsal will begin
on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 1:45 PM
in the Sanctuary**

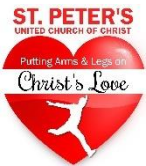
YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:25-9:45 AM

Enter the door by the Chapel. 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., Sept. 1 Circle Six Meeting, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Wed., Sept. 2 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Sept. 3 Spirit and Compassion Meeting, 10:30 AM, Fireside
Preschool Open House, 4:30-6:30 PM
- Sun., Sept. 6 Worship Service, 10 AM, Communion Sunday

How To Reach Us

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