



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



OCTOBER 4, 2026
NEIGHBORS IN NEED SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: *"Wir danken dir, Herr Jesus Christ", J. S. Bach*

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

Leader: We have gathered here together today, proud
to bear the name of Our Savior.

**People: We have gathered to learn to more
effectively represent that Holy Name.**

Leader: It is not enough merely to call ourselves Christians.

**People: Mighty God, help us live up to the name we proudly
proclaim. Let us live the name of Christian.**

Handbell Anthem: *"Softly and Tenderly", arr. by Dan R. Edwards*

**Hymn #382 "Be Thou My Vision"*

INVOCATION (*unison*)

Bill Kinloch

**Blessed Savior, hear our call. We have lived most of our
lives bearing the title "Christians". Yet we freely confess
that there are times when we have not been worthy of that
name. There are times when we have used the sacred
designation of Christian as if it were an ID badge or
security clearance, guaranteeing us entry into heaven
merely for the sake of wearing the badge. But the term
"Christian" is more than a name for a group of like-minded
people; it defines a way of living. In this worship service
today, help us understand what is expected of those who
bear Your title, and give us the courage and strength to
carry that responsibility. In Your Holy Name we pray.
Amen.**

HYMN #427 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Bill Kinloch

Psalm 22:1-5, 19-26 #434

Matthew 21:33-46 #803

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "In Name Only"

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

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Offertoire in G Major"*, Cesar Franck

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

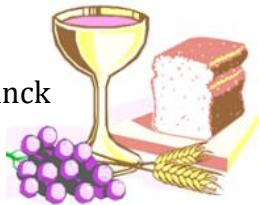
*HYMN #284 *"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

*Amen (spiritual)



POSTLUDE: *"Fantasia"*, Benoist

(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	Walker Whitehouse
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tanner Wasilk
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Acolyte	Xavier Wasilk
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Bill Kinloch
Ushers	Terry Deliman, Fred Helyes, Tom Janas, Gary Thompson

Church News

Neighbors in Need

Today is our offering for Neighbors in Need. Did you know that it was affirmed as an all-church offering at the 1999 General Synod? Since then, the offering has always funded and launched complex and collaborative ministries. Rather than supporting a single ministry, the offering has historically funded and resourced a variety of justice initiatives across the National Ministries, the ongoing work of the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), and a grants program. Thank you for your donations by helping our neighbors in need!

Weekly Bible Study

Tuesday at 1:45 PM in the Fireside Room

Please join us for our weekly Bible Study in the Fireside Room.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

In this month's Key you read about the final product and dedication of what is referred to as "the 1950's addition" to St. Peter's. However, this was a long process with much money, sweat equity, and thought going into its construction. After the wish list for the building was created in January of 1946 the Church Council continued to discuss the addition and in March of 1947 the Chairman of the Building Committee was directed to contract an architect to see if drawings could be done for \$500. This "Building Committee" consisted of the ten members of Church Council, the Rev. Bollins, and 15 other members of the church, that's a total of 26 people! I wonder how difficult it was to get everyone to agree and how long their meetings must have been.

Circle Six Meeting

Circle Six will be meeting **Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making blankets. We hope to see everyone there! Blessings, Sally Readinger

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.

St. Peter's UCC Food Pantry

In Partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry.

Children's Weekend Food Program

All for the Kids

Microwaveable Mac n Cheese cups, Spaghetti O's, Mac n beef, Ravioli, etc. Ramen Noodles, Chicken Noodle Soup, Small Individual Peanut Butter/Jelly servings, Pastry Tarts, Individual Cereal boxes, Oatmeal Breakfast Bars, Applesauce/Fruit cups, Chips, Pretzels, Cookies, Crackers, Granola Bars, Pudding Cups

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. In Pam's absence Becky Woods will make sure donations are delivered. Thanks everyone for all you do in helping others!

Preschool is officially started for the year.

We have a total of 48 students. Miss Gabby Herold is teaching our MWF & T/Th 3 year old class. Mrs. Kati Bell is teaching our MWF & T/Th 4 year old classes. Mrs. Chambers is teaching our M-Th 4 year old class. Mrs. Samantha Lippert is our aide for all classes. Our thanks to all that helped to make our open house successful- for all that donated refreshments, Geoff for helping to ensure we had fans to cool off the hallway and lobby, Mary-K, Sue and Pastor Mike for attending and helping. In September our students are going to Donald Schuster's Greenhouse for wagon rides, and fall activities including picking a small pumpkin. With the beginning of October we will have our first opportunity for church guest readers. The mornings of October 5-6 we could use a handful each day. There will be a signup sheet outside of the sanctuary, and Kaye will be given the information to put in the bulletin. -Heidi Chambers



Film Study and Potluck | 11:30 AM

Mark your calendar for **Wed., Oct. 14th** at 11:30 a.m. for our monthly Film study and potluck lunch which will take place in the Fellowship Hall. We will view the next movie of our film study, "The Village". As we did last month, we will eat while we watch the movie. A guide sheet will be handed out before the film begins, telling the participant what to look for.

RSVP would be appreciated. -Pastor Mike

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., Oct. 6 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
Circle Six Meeting, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
- Wed., Oct. 7 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Oct. 8 Spirit and Compassion Mtg, 10:30 AM, Fireside
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Sun., Oct. 11 Worship Service, 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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