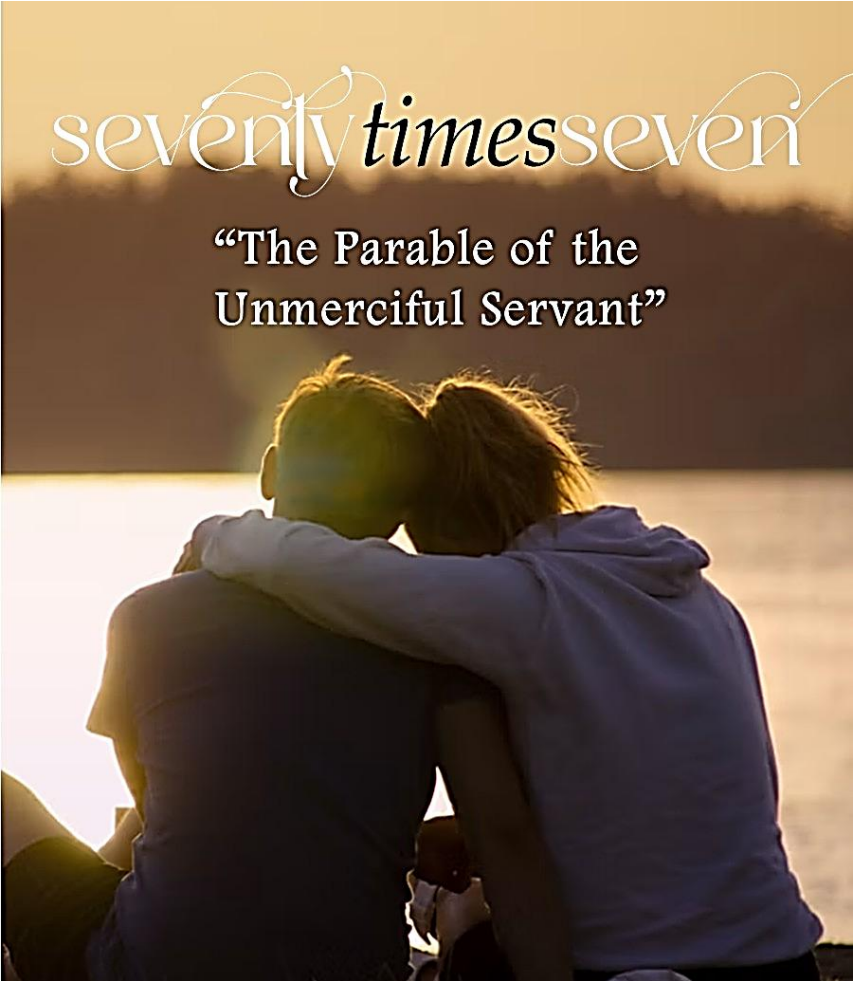




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

seventy times seven

**“The Parable of the
Unmerciful Servant”**



Sept. 13, 2026 | Sixteenth 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: *"Trio Sonata in Eb Mvmt. 3"* - J. S. Bach

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

Leader: We have come to the Lord to learn about forgiveness.

**People: Forgiveness is the hardest concept we
Christians must learn.**

Leader: For we are commanded by God not to
harbor hatred in our hearts.

**People: We are called to let go of all things that come
between us and the Holy Spirit. We are called
to commit ourselves fully to God.**

Handbell Choir Anthem: *"O, Worship the King",*
Attr. Johann Michael Haydn, arr. Bill Ingram

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

INVOCATION (*unison*) Kathi Macgregor

**Almighty God our Father Forever, we freely confess that
our hearts are not entirely open to You. For we harbor
within the memories of hurts and injustices that have been
done to us recently, and far in the past. We have not yet
learned to let go of thoughts of revenge. "Getting even" has
become to us a way of life, and while our hearts dwell upon
this, how can we fully be Yours? In this time of worship
teach us how to forgive, just as You forgive us. In the
Triune Name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #555 *"We're Marching to Zion"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Kathi Macgregor

Leviticus 24:19-23 #98

Matthew 18:21-22 #800

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Forgive and Forget?"

OFFERING

Offertory: *"Song of Sunshine"*, - A. Hollins

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction: *"The Trees of the Field"*

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"God will take care of you"*, - Little Lucy Smith

(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
Organist
Zoom Director
Zoom Assistant
Worship Producer
Acolyte
Director of Music
Scripture Reader
Ushers

Pastor Mike Boehm
Walker Whitehouse
Mary K. Kirsch
Tom Hollstein, Tanner Wasilk
Brian Schieferstein
Xavier Wasilk
Jennifer Wasilk
Kathi Macgregor
Gary Thompson

Church News

Bible Study, Tuesdays, 1:45 PM, Fireside Room

Fall Mum Flower Sale / BSA Troop 427

Once again we are supporting this annual fundraising event! Order forms are at each entrance to the sanctuary. Please fill out and make payment made out to BSA Troop 427 and turn into the church office. If you want you can turn in your order to **Allie who will be here in church on Sunday, Sept. 20th to pickup/take orders.** Pickup of mums will be in our parking lot on Sept. 24th at 7pm. Thank you!

Film Study at St. Peter's UCC 2nd Wednesday of each month



Our film study had a wonderful turnout. Our 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. Come join us in this unique way to learn more about God and faith. ***RSVP would be appreciated.*** -Pastor Mike

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Do you remember the winter of 1977? All the cold, blizzard conditions and snow? St. Peter's had to make some major adjustments that year. At the January meeting of the Church Council a letter from Columbia Gas was read regarding the future curtailment of gas usage in the church. On February 3rd there was an emergency Council meeting. Rev. Happel reported that our gas allocation had been cut by 30% and that the church had already used most of its allocation. It was decided to cut off all extra activities, meetings and outside group usage of the building until the emergency was over. Other ideas were discussed. On February 8th a "Special Energy Crunch Meeting" of the Church Council was held. The church had received what its weekly allocation of gas would be. It was decided that the thermostat be lowered to 40 degrees until just before the service. The organ tuner said it would not harm the organ, but it would be difficult to play in those conditions. It was decided that weddings could go on as scheduled. Sunday School would be moved to Fellowship Hall and people would be advised to "dress warmly, disregarding fashion." On February 27th Rev. Happel reported that the curtailment of gas for the church had been lifted and that things would be returning to normal.

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. There is a label on each that shows they are from St. Peters. 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. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter Meal

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

Wednesday, Sept. 16 we need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare. Thank you!

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	Peanut Butter Crackers	Small Bag Chips
Canned Soup (Pop top lids)	Individual Cereals	Small Bag Pretzels
Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)	Granola Bars	Fruit Cups Jello Cups
Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)	Oatmeal Packages	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!

Bells Across America

The U.S. Constitution Commemoration every Sept. 17 is an annual event celebrating the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. People, churches, and communities ring bells together at 4:00 PM EDT to celebrate historic milestones or honor fallen heroes. Bells sound simultaneously across the country for one minute.

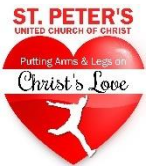
YOGA with Mary-K

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

- Mon., Sept. 14 Kaye back from vacation
- Tues., Sept. 15 Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside
- Wed., Sept. 16 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
St. Elizabeth Meal, 4:30 PM
- Thurs., Sept. 17 Ministerium Lunch Meeting, 11 AM, FH
- Sun., Sept. 20 Worship Service, 10 AM
Pastor Mike leaves for vacation after worship.
Next Sunday, the Rev. Keith Stuart will preach.

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

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