



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



MY SHEEP
hear my voice

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

April 30, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "All Glory Be to God Alone", David Schack

CALL TO WORSHIP **(Stand as you are able.)**

Leader: How awesome to gather before God!
We are here to celebrate with wide-eyed wonder.

**People: The God of all worlds is with us.
Praise God for this season of Easter.**

Leader: Praise God for all the signs of new life.
Praise God for all we can do together.

**People: Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus.
Praise God for all who share that ministry today.**

Leader: Christ came to offer us abundant life.
We are here today to reclaim that gift.

**People: We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.
We want to follow in the steps of Jesus.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #462 "Savior Like a Shepherd"

***THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)*

Let us hear your voice today, O Shepherd. Call our names and claim us as your own. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Comfort those who suffer pain and loss. Assure all who are afraid. Lead us in right paths for your name's sake. We have known your goodness and mercy in so many times and places. We open ourselves now to receive these gifts again. Unlock within us the barriers that keep us from recognizing and appreciating all the evidence of your love that surrounds us. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

RED BAG MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #50 *"The Lord's My Shepherd"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 10:1-10 #872

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "GATEWAY"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Doxology **(Stand as you are able.)* #625 unison prayer of dedication
praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye Heavenly host; **
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #461 *"He Leadeth Me"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Peace I Leave With You", Jean Pasquet

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

Senior Pastor	Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Don Krueck
Ushers	Tom Janas, Betty Pekare, Judy McCurdy, Earl Wiegand

Please JOIN US after worship in the Fellowship Hall
for our **Potluck Fellowship Get-Together!**

Church News

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Participation cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!



Give it a Try! Join Pastor Chris for a 30-minute Worship
Every Wednesday | 7:00 PM | St. Peter's Chapel

Circle Six Meeting and Program

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 2 in Fellowship Hall. The program will be "History of Amherst Quarries", presented by Bob Pallante. Members may invite guests and the program is open to the congregation. Members will hold a brief meeting at 6:00 (do not bring your meal - each member is requested to bring at least 1 dozen cookies). At 6:30 we will set up for the speaker, cookies, coffee and fellowship. The program will begin at 7:00.



YOUR JUNK is Somebody's TREASURE!

Church Members, as you are tackling your spring cleaning, please keep St. Peter's in mind. The church will be having a Rummage Sale this summer, probably the later part of July. Please, no clothing. Donations will be accepted a week before the sale. More information coming next month. If you're interested in helping, please contact Sue Conkle, (440) 537-1749, or Mary-K Kirsch, (216) 559-6160.

Please note that the Compassionate Care Team meeting on May 4th has been cancelled.
We hope to see everyone in June!

FOOD PANTRY

Please help our partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry with the Weekend Children's Backpack Program. We cannot let any child go hungry. Following are suggested food items:

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

We will also still collect 'regular food items' for families in addition to the Backpack Program. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. *Thanks Pam and to everyone who donates.*

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

...St. Peter's UCC Food Pantry, following Jesus' example!

YOGA with Mary-K

St. Peter's UCC, enter Chapel door to the lower level | Cost: \$10
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM (arrive by 8:25 AM)
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM (arrive by 5:55 PM)

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 14

MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY, MAY 21

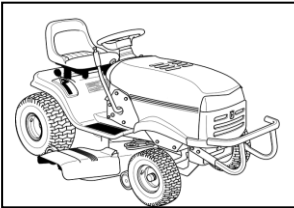
PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 29



Garden Club Seeks Help!

The Garden Club is seeking volunteers to help with Spring Cleanup around the church. Sessions are short, about 1-1½ hr(s). We send out a One Call the day or two before a session, depending on weather. Please sign the back of the yellow attendance card or call the church office at (440) 988-4965 if interested. Thank you!



A huge thank you to Gary Thompson and his son Jim Thompson who repaired the riding mower this past week. St. Peter's is blessed to have experts who volunteer their skills and time.

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

NEW! Be sure to check out **"A minute with Pastor Chris"**
on YouTube! Also, please Subscribe, Like and Share!



This Week's Events

- Mon., May 1 Spiritual Life visitations
- Tues., May 2 Circle Six Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM
Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., May 3 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM
Breeze Chapel 7 PM
- Thurs., May 4 Compassionate Care Meeting Cancelled
YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
Handbell Choir Practice 7:15 PM
- Sun., May 7 Worship Service 10 AM with Communion

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
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