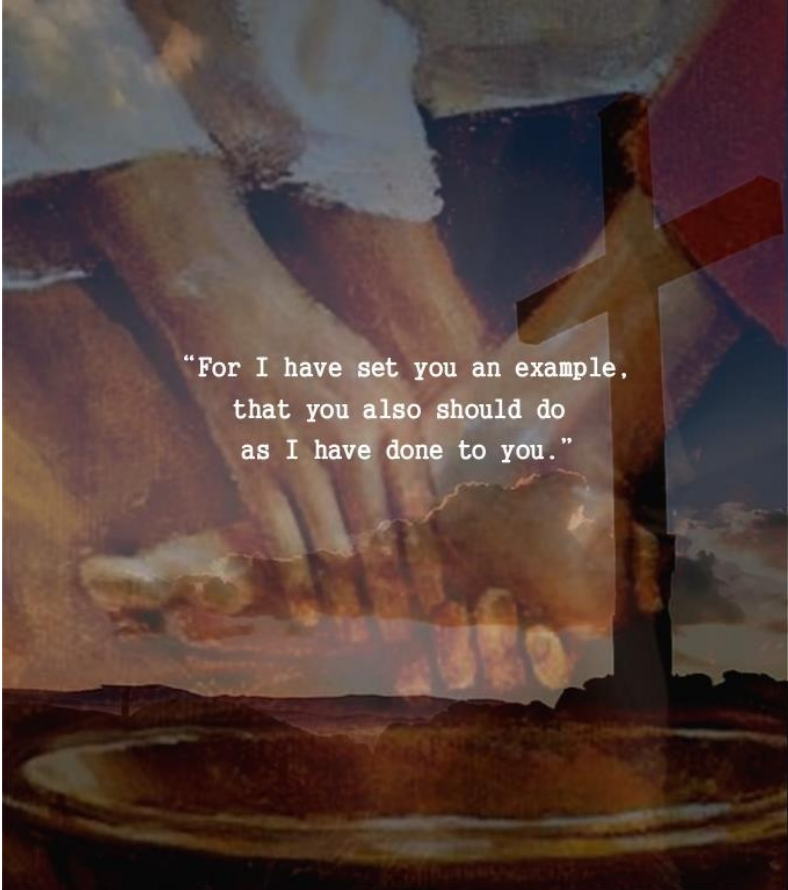




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"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another."

**April 6, 2023 | Maundy Thursday**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting*

*Announcements*

*Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

### PRELUDE

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

**Leader:** We have received through Jesus Christ a new covenant.  
With broken bread and shared cup, we celebrate it.

**People:** **This is a night of remembrance and celebration.  
It is also a time of fear and betrayal.**

**Leader:** At table with Christ, we receive a new commandment.  
We are called to love one another as Christ loves us.

**People:** **We are disciples of Jesus when we love one another.  
Through love, we thank God for the gift of Jesus.**

**Leader:** In thanks to God, we become a servant to others.  
By Jesus' example, we become foot-washers.

**People:** **We have come to learn from Jesus Christ.  
We are ready to follow where Christ leads.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #321** *"According to thy Gracious Word"*

### **\*THE EVENING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)*

Holy God, we need your help to face the challenges of this night. Our intentions are good. We want to share in the heritage of our faith, to remember the saving drama of Passover and to celebrate Jesus' last meal with close friends. We want to be disciples, but we also count the cost, and tremble. Incline your ear to us and hear our supplications. We gather as your servant people, knowing we are precious in your sight, yet afraid to take the risk of trusting you completely. Lead us this night into deeper commitment. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #322 *"In Remembrance"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER    THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 13:1-17, 31-35 #871

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "EVERYTHING IN ITS TIME"

## **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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## **INTO THE DARKNESS**

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

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH #323 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

*Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.*



**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  
Organist  
Zoom Director  
Worship Producer  
Handbell Choir Director  
Scripture Reader  
Ushers

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor  
Allen Cadwallader  
Mary K. Kirsch  
Brian Schieferstein  
Shelley Harmych  
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Fred Helyes, Karen Geduldig,  
Judy McCurdy, Tom Janas

# Church News

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*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."*

– Martin Luther King Jr.



Meet the Pastor | Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst  
**Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.**

## **April Sermon Scriptures:**

April 2: Palm Sunday, Matthew 21:1-22

April 6: Maundy Thursday, John 13:1-17, 31-35

April 9: Easter Sunday, John 20:1-18

April 16: John 20:19-31

April 23: Luke 24:13-35

April 30: John 10:1-10

## **St. Peter's Preschool Hours**

MWF: 9-12 PM morning class

Tues./Thurs.: 9-12 PM morning & 12:30-3:15 PM afternoon

Wendy Kosakowski, Director, phone: 440-985-1972

The Preschool is on Spring Break and will return April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Remember to Recycle Plastic Bags**

The Amherst Leo Club, sponsored by the Amherst Lions Club, are recycling plastic bags through the TREX Recycling project. It takes 500 pounds to achieve the goal to receive a recycled bench. So far, they have received 4 benches. Let's help them to reach their goal for another bench! Thank you.



### ***Give it Try! Join us for a 30-minute Worship***

Wednesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. in person in St. Peter's Chapel. If you can't make our Sunday worship *or* if you need an inspiring pick-me-up, come for a 30-minute intimate service. Please enter by the door to the Chapel that faces the parking lot.

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!



Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry continues with the Weekend Children's Backpack Program. We cannot let any child go hungry. Following are suggestions that would be very helpful with this great need:

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 ensure that all items are transported to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank. *Thank you to everyone who continually donates and Pam Miskov for delivery!*

## **YOGA with Mary-K**

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

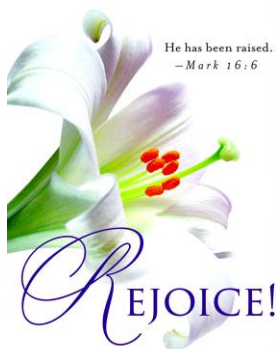
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Our Wednesday morning, and Thursday evening class will meet in the lower level of St. Peter's Church. Please arrive by 8:25 a.m. for the morning class, and by 5:55 p.m. for the evening class. Enter through the door by the Chapel. Cost is \$10.

## **What Does Maundy Thursday Mean?**

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday- "maundy" being a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated:

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (John 13:34).



The Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Please contact Pastor Chris if there is an urgent need on his  
cell phone: (920) 650-0761.

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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

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Fri., April 7	Good Friday Office Closed
<b>Sun., April 9</b>	<b>Easter Worship Service 10 AM   Communion</b>
Mon., April 10	Pastor Chris will be out of the office
Tues., April 11	Preschool returns Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., April 12	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM Breeze Chapel 7 PM
Thurs., April 13	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Quarry Café, 9:30 AM YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM Handbell Choir Practice 7:15 PM

## How To Reach Us

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