



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



THANK YOU GOD
FOR MOTHERS!

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

May 14, 2023 | Happy Mother's Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Ombra Mai Fu", G. F. Handel

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

Leader: The God of heaven and earth calls us together.
We come to explore matters of the Spirit.

**People: There is so much we do not know or understand.
So much of God is unknown to us.**

Leader: Let us look carefully at the objects of our worship.
Our attention is easily diverted from God.

**People: We want to worship the One who gives us breath.
We reach for the Reality beyond our knowing.**

Leader: In God we live and move and have our being.
All that we have and are comes from God.

**People: God is not limited to shrines made by us.
God is everywhere present in the whole universe.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #560 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

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

Let the sound of praising you be heard among us today, and in all the places of your dominion, O God. We believe you are present with us even when we cannot feel or see or hear you as we would like. We thank you for the times when you have caught our attention. We ask for one of those times today. Shake us out of our complacency and our cherished iniquities. Hold us in your steadfast love and call forth within us an awareness of all your blessings. Stimulate among us an eagerness to live as you intend. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

RED BAG MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #533 *"O Perfect Love"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: JOHN 14:15-21 #877

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "SPIRIT OF TRUTH"

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: #536 *"Happy The Home When God is There"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Trumpet", Simon Sublet

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	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Judy McCurdy, Betty Pekare, Lynn Hollstein, Sue Cherry

Please join us for coffee and snacks immediately following the service downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

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

Wednesday | 7:00 PM | St. Peter's Chapel

For summer, we will not be having service in June and July.



RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE!

Starting in June donated items for the Rummage Sale can be brought to the church during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30-2:30 PM and Sunday mornings. Please put items on the long tables at the front of the Fellowship Hall. Please, no clothing or shoes. If you need to bring your items in through the elevator, please call the church office at (440) 988-4965 and Kaye will let you in. More details coming.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Sue Conkle (440) 537-1749 or Mary-K Kirsch (216) 559-6160.



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

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)

MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY, MAY 21

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 29

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.*

Hunger is an economic condition. Policies that promote a full employment economy with adequate wages and incomes can take the country a long way toward ending hunger.



Boy Scouts Distributing Flowers May 24th

For those who purchased flowers from the Boy Scouts, they will be here in the parking lot on Wednesday, May 24th late afternoon and evening.

St. Peter's Preschool End of Year Picnic!

The Preschool classes will be having their picnic on Thurs., May 25th at 10:30 AM / 12:45 PM and Friday at 10:30 AM.

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



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!

Please note that I will be **out of the office** on vacation Friday, May 19th, returning Thursday, May 25th. If you have an urgent need, please contact Pastor Chris at the church 440-988-4965 or mobile 1-920-650-0761. *Thank you, Kaye*

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 15	Spiritual Life visitations Church Council meeting Zoom 7 PM
Tues., May 16	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., May 17	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM Clergy Meeting 11:30 Fireside Breeze Chapel 7 PM
Thurs., May 18	YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM <i>No Handbell Choir Practice</i>
Friday, May 19	Kaye out, the office closed
Sun., May 21	Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
Afternoons available by appointment with Pastor Chris

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