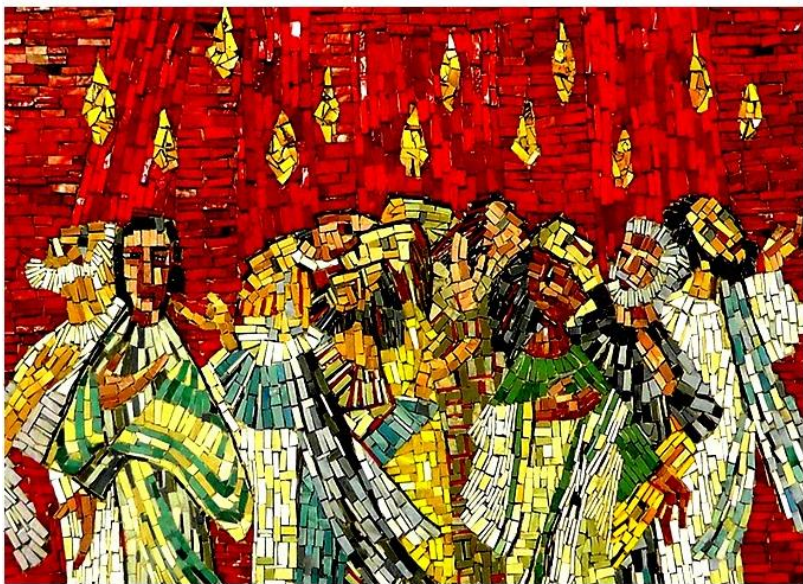




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pentecost



**“THIS,” HE SAID, “IS WHAT YOU HAVE
HEARD FROM ME; FOR JOHN BAPTIZED
WITH WATER, BUT YOU WILL BE
BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT...”**

May 28, 2023 | Pentecost Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Gavotte", Samuel Wesley

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

Leader: The peace of God be with you today.
 Receive with joy the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**People: We feel the winds of God blowing among us.
 We sense the tongues of fire empowering us.**

Leader: How amazing is the power God gives us.
 How manifold are the works of our Creator.

**People: The breath of God fills us with confidence.
 The Spirit creates new life within and among us.**

Leader: God calls us to be dreamers and prophets.
 God gives us a vision for a world of peace.

**People: May the glory of God endure forever.
 We will sing praise to God as long as we live.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #569 *"Battle Hymn of the Republic"*

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

Powerful God, whose ways are beyond our knowing, we long to grow spiritually. We are thirsty for the living water you have promised to those who seek. We are eager to catch the Spirit, to be set on fire with confidence and trust to use the gifts you have given. Let Pentecost happen again in this gathering of your people. Inspire us to witness to your love and prophesy in your name. Give us courage to speak of your deeds of power, and to take the risks of daring discipleship. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #259 *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ACTS 1:1-21 #884

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "FOXHOLES AND FAITH"

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. *(Please be seated.)*
*(**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: #249 *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon
My Heart"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee", Georg Boehm
(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	Shelley Harmych
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Tom Janas, Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

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!

Pastor Chris will be out on Vacation

Starting Monday, Memorial Day through June 3rd, Pastor Chris will be off for a well-deserved vacation. Physical rest is good for the soul and enables you to recharge. Following are the 10 Commandments for a Pastor's Vacation:

1. Thou shalt take a vacation every year.
2. Thou shalt get off the field.
3. Thou shalt leave clear instructions before you go.
4. Thou shalt relax. *Make sure whatever you do on vacation does not invite more stress.*
5. Thou shalt enjoy your family.
6. Thou shalt read something fun. *Put down the systematic theology volume and pick up a good work of fiction.*
7. Thou shalt not skip church. *If you are going to miss a Sunday in your home church, then visit another church.*
8. Thou shalt not skip devotional time. *You need a short reprieve from ministering to others.*
9. Thou shalt not feel guilty.
10. Thou shalt not return unless in an extreme emergency.



Monday, May 29th

The office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, as we remember and honor the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.



JOIN US! Tuesday, May 30, 6:30-8:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to join us at Craft Club. Our meeting is always the last Tuesday of the month, at the church, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Please bring your current (or old) craft project to work on, and come have some fun fellowship with other crafters! *We can't wait to see you!*



Please note that we will not be having Breeze worship
for the months of June and July.



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)



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.*

"...and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little
ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose
their reward." - Matthew 10:42

Strengthen the Church Offering is Today

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. Thank you.

Way to Go Leo Club!

The Morning Journal had an article mentioning the Leo Club of Amherst has donated enough plastic bags to make their 6th bench. Thanks to everyone who has donated their plastic bags!

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 29 Memorial Day observed office closed
Pastor Chris will be on vacation this week
- Tues., May 30 Craft Club 6:30 PM Fireside Room
Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., May 31 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM (Pastor on vacation)
No Breeze Chapel
- Thurs., June 1 YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM |
Handbell Choir practice 7:15 PM
- Sun., June 4 Worship Service 10 AM

How To Reach Us

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