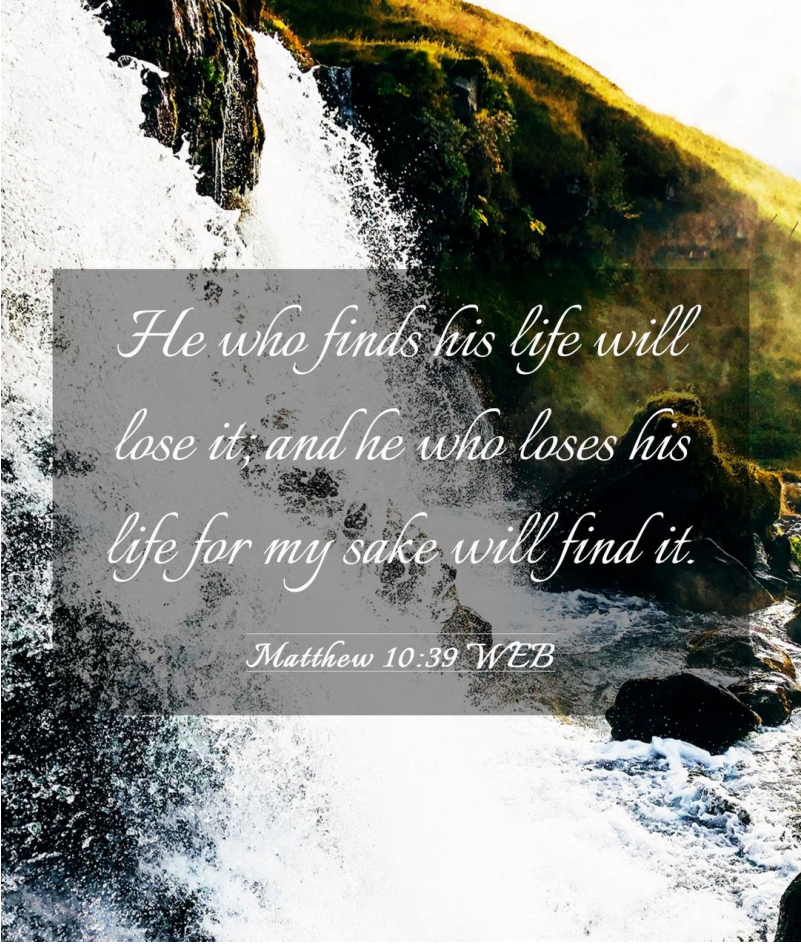




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



*He who finds his life will  
lose it; and he who loses his  
life for my sake will find it.*

*Matthew 10:39 WEB*

June 25, 2023 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting      Announcements      Birthdays      Anniversaries*

PRELUDE: "Prelude in E minor", Bach

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

Leader: Come, nations of the earth, to bow before God.  
Distant galaxies proclaim the Creator of all things.

**People: We are humbled by the wonders of creation.  
We are amazed by God's mighty works.**

Leader: This infinite God cares for each one of us.  
God hears our cries and responds to our needs.

**People: In our days of trouble, we call on our God.  
We are confident that God listens and answers.**

Leader: Let us also call on God with our prayers of thanks.  
Let us celebrate the wondrous things God provides.

**People: God cares for us, even when others reject us.  
We gather to glorify God's name.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #451 "O Master, Let Me Walk"**

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

Holy God, come to us in our distress. We are weary of conflict and long for your healing waters of forgiveness and renewal. You have sent us a teacher to draw us into discipleship, and we have found fulfillment when we are faithful to Christ's call. We long to find peace as we serve, but more often we encounter a sword. Our disagreements are many, and our capacity to forgive is strained. Send your light that we might not falter in our caring and in the proclamation of your good news. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #379 *"Take My Life"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER    THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 10:24-39    #791

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "FAITH FIND"

## **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: #376 *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Allegro", Walther

*(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	Judy McCurdy
Ushers	Tom Janas, Gary Thompson Earl Wiegand

# Church News

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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!



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



Please continue to share what you are able so that the children in our community are fed. Our partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry helps with the Weekend Children's Backpack Program. 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 still collect 'regular food items' for families. 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

## **Pastor Chris will be on Vacation**

Pastor Chris will be on vacation starting today after worship and returning Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> we welcome the Rev. Paul Eaton who will lead us in worship.



No Breeze worship for the months of June and July.



## Saturday, July 29, 9-3 PM

**RUMMAGE SALE - *To benefit the Pipe Organ Fund!***

Entrance will be through the garage & elevator.

Sales will be in the lobby, garage and Fellowship Hall.

Please continue to bring your donated items to the church Mon.-Fri., 8:30-2:30 PM and Sunday mornings. Items can be placed on the tables in designated areas on the long tables, or just set on the front tables in the Fellowship Hall.

Please, no clothing or shoes. If you need to bring your items in through the elevator, please call Kaye at (440) 988-4965 and she will let you in. If you're interested in helping, please contact Sue Conkle (440) 537-1749 or Mary-K Kirsch (216) 559-6160.

### **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)

### **Matthew 10:26-31**

"So, have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell."



## St. Peter's Needs a Treasurer!

*Can you help?*

St. Peter's is seeking a new Treasurer as Sally Readinger will be retiring from this position. She has graciously agreed to stay on through the end of July. Thank you Sally! Tasks include:

- writing checks and reconciling the checkbook
- paying bills
- working with the CPA
- attending monthly council meetings

A volunteer would be appreciated, but compensation can be negotiated. Please call the church office at 440-988-4965 if interested. Thank you!

HAVE A  
BLESSED WEEK

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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** -----

- Mon., June 26     Spiritual Life – no visitations  
                         Pastor Chris starts vacation returning July 5
- Tues., June 27     Bible Study Cancelled
- Wed., June 28     YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
                         Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM  
                         No Breeze Chapel
- Thurs., June 29    YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
- Sun., July 2        Worship Service 10 AM with Rev. Paul Eaton

## ----- **How To Reach Us** -----

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