



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



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## THE POWER OF ONE

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“Hear then the parable of the sower . . .  
But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who  
hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit  
and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and  
in another thirty.” –Matthew 13:1, 23

July 16, 2023 | Outdoor Worship Service

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting*

*Announcements*

*Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

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

**Leader:** God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.  
Open yourselves this day to receive the Word.

**People:** **We have committed ourselves to follow the light.  
We come now to be instructed by God's law.**

**Leader:** Minds set on the flesh are hostile to God.  
Let us, therefore, open ourselves to the Spirit.

**People:** **We reach out for more than we can see and hear.  
We long to know Love's embrace deep within.**

**Leader:** The Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead.  
That Spirit dwells in you and offers you new life.

**People:** **We praise God, who saves us and gives us hope.  
God cares for the earth and for each one of us.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** #344 *"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"*

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

All-powerful God, we celebrate the freedom you give us to make our own response to all the possibilities you lay out before us. We are grateful for the revelation you provide through the witness of many in the Scriptures. Through their words, help us to discern your Word. Come to us in the midst of our diversity to bring understanding and mutual caring. Open us to a new appreciation of our birthright as your children. Beyond all our clamor for the things of this world, we long for the richness of spirit you alone can provide. Feed us here, we pray. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

\*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #284 *"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER    THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23 #794

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "THE POWER OF ONE"

### **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: #281 *"The Bond of Love"*

BENEDICTION

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

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**"When leaving the church, please make sure to push the door closed. There have been times it's left unlocked." *Thank you!***



*Everyone is Welcome!*

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**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	Liam Gleason, Tom Janas

# 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!

*Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.*

*“Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back”. -Ecclesiastes 11:1-6*



Our partnership with Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry continues to help feed children in the “Weekend Children’s Backpack Program”. We also collect ‘regular food items’ for families that have food insecurities. 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

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. ***Thanks to Pam and everyone who donates.***

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Please note that we will not be having Breeze worship through the summer months. We’ll resume in September.

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

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.* Acts 2:42



**Saturday, July 29, 9-3 PM**

***To benefit the Pipe Organ Fund!***

Entrance will be through the garage & elevator.  
Sales will be in the lobby, garage and Fellowship Hall.

Keep bringing 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 at (440) 537-1749 or Mary-K Kirsch (216) 559-6160.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** after worship is our **PRESALE for church members!** Please check out items in the Fellowship Hall, and Walker Lobby/hallway. Thanks for everyone's help in making this happen!

*P.S. If you need a flyer to post or to share with a friend, please contact Sue Conkle or the church office.*

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*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. -Colossians 3:23-24*

## 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)

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At St. Peter's we work together in love to build strong foundations for our lives in Christ. This firm foundation allows us to put **"Arms and Legs on Christ's love in the world"** We believe that God is calling you to be embraced by God's radical love and to be a part of this foundation of faith.

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., July 17    Spiritual Life Visitations 1-4 PM  
                    Council Meeting Zoom 7 PM
- Tues., July 18    Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., July 19    YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
                    Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM  
                    Clergy Lunch Meeting 11:30 AM  
                    No Breeze Chapel
- Thurs., July 20   YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
- Sun., July 23    Worship Service 10 AM | *Rummage Presale!*

## ..... **How To Reach Us** .....

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