



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



GARDEN CLUB

“The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

—Matthew 13:41-43

July 23, 2023 | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE

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

Leader: God has searched us and knows us.
God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

People: **God searches out our path and our lying down.
God is acquainted with all our ways.**

Leader: Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it.
God's hand is ever available to guide us.

People: **Such knowledge is a wonder to us.
It is beyond anything we can attain.**

Leader: We cannot escape from God's spirit.
There is nowhere to flee from God's presence.

People: **Darkness is as light to our God.
God illuminates the way before us.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** #88 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

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

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. We gather with eager longing to know you, ever-present God, and to be known by you. We want to live as your beloved children. Assure us in these moments that you hear our prayers, even as your will is revealed to us. Fill our dreams and our waking hours with radiant hope. May every time of encounter move us to awe and fervent worship. Lead us in your way everlasting. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #425 *"In The Garden"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43 #795

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "GARDEN CLUB"

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: #87 *"May Jesus Christ be Praised"*
(Verses 1, 3, 4, and 6)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(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	Earl Wiegand, Judy McCurdy

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!

Hey Everyone, there's been a mix-up!
Whoever has the **Offering Envelopes, Box 95**, please contact the church office at (440) 988-4965. *Thank you!*



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

“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.***



Please note that we will not be having Breeze worship
in August, but will resume in September.

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)



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.

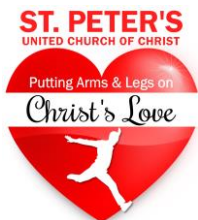
Keep bringing your donated items to the church Mon.-Fri., 8:30-2:30 PM and Sunday mornings. Items can be placed on the tables in designated areas on the long tables, or just set on the front tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please, no clothing or shoes. If you need to bring your items in through the elevator, 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.

**TODAY 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! We will continue to receive donated items up until the Friday before the sale.

P.S. If you need a flyer to post or to share with a friend, please contact Sue Conkle or the church office. And, if you're friends with St. Peter's UCC Amherst, OH on Facebook, we have posted a flyer. Please make sure to "Like" & "Share" with your friends and family! Thank you.

REMEMBER,
YOU ARE LOVED!
MAY THIS WEEK
BE OVERFLOWING
WITH ABUNDANT
BLESSINGS.



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** -----

- Tues., July 25 Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
- Wed., July 26 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
 No Breeze Chapel
- Thurs., July 27 YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
- Sat., July 29 RUMMAGE SALE 9 AM-3 PM
 Remember to invite your friends & family!
- Sun., July 30 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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