



ST. PETER'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Putting "Arms and
Legs on Christ's love
in the world."

"ARE YOU ALSO STILL WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING?"

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them,
"Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the
mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out
of the mouth that defiles." –Matthew 15:10

August 20, 2023 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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

Leader: This is a Sabbath dedicated to our God.
Let this gathering place be a home for all people.

People: **May God be gracious to us and bless us.**
May God's face shine over all the earth's people.

Leader: Let all the people praise the God of all nations.
Let us give thanks and enjoy the blessings God gives.

People: **May God grant us understanding and courage.**
May faith grow beyond our doubts.

Leader: The earth has yielded its blessing.
Let all the ends of the earth revere our Creator.

People: **God brings us together in unity of purpose.**
May our circle grow as we welcome newcomers.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** #252 *"Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"*

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

How good and pleasant it is, O God, when kindred live together in unity. Draw us now into the community you intend for all your people. Help us to listen and understand, both your word for us and our sharing with one another. Keep us from being misled by popular acclaim and the wisdom of the marketplace. May we not be unobservant guides to one another but rather be fully open to your gifts and obedient to your call. Come to us now with healing and blessing. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #284 *"We Are One in the Spirit"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 15:10-28 #797

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "CRUMBY 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: #281 *"The Bond of Love"*

BENEDICTION

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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	Don Krueck
Ushers	Judy McCurdy, Earl Wiegand

Please Keep St. Peter's Safe

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

*"Therefore, whatever you have said in the dark
will be heard in the light, and what you have
whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed
from the housetops."* -Luke 12:3

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!



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.***



Join us! A 30-minute 'mid-week' Worship Service

We will resume in September. Wednesdays, 7-7:30 PM
in the Chapel. Enter by the door by closest to Elyria Avenue.

“NEVER BE AFRAID TO TRUST
AN UNKNOWN FUTURE TO A
KNOWN GOD.”

—Corrie ten Boom

Please remember to keep the following families
in your prayers:

BETTY PEKARE | JEAN SWIFT | JUNE NAU

Psalm 34:18 *“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.”*

Psalm 73:26 *“My flesh and my heart faileth: but God
is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.”*

Matthew 5:4 *“Blessed are they that mourn: for they
shall be comforted.”*

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)

“GOD WILL MEET YOU
WHERE YOU ARE
IN ORDER TO TAKE
YOU WHERE HE WANTS
YOU TO GO.” -Tony Evans



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., Aug. 21	Council Meeting 7 PM Zoom
Tues., Aug. 22	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., Aug. 23	Ukrainian Flag Day YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM Preschool Open House for children 4:30-7:30 PM No Breeze Chapel
Thurs., Aug. 24	Ukrainian Independence Day YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Aug. 27	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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