



ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. -Matthew 16:15-17

Aug. 27, 2023 | Thirteenth 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: Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.
Come to worship the One who answers our prayers.

People: **If God were not on our side, we could not live.
If God were not for us, we would be swept away.**

Leader: God has gifted each one of us in unique ways.
in our variety, we complement one another.

People: **We rejoice in God's love and faithfulness.
Blessed be our God, whose word is true.**

Leader: In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs.
We are here to pay attention to God's instructions.

People: **We are here, seeking to discern God's will.
We are open to God's transforming Spirit.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** #404 *"The Solid Rock"*

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

God beyond our knowing, we believe that you care for humble people who seek to follow your Word more than for those who are pretentious and proud in places of power. You have protected your people when they were surrounded by trouble. You have provided a way of escape in the midst of oppression. Your love never fails. Come, Holy One, to transform us. Work

within and among us to renew our minds and build community. Nurse us into the health you intent for all your children. You are our help and our hope. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #277 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 16:13-20 #798

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "THE KEY"

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: #349 *"Trust and Obey"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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



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	Vicki Zeller
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Betty Pekare, Judy McCurdy, Al Murphy

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!*

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!



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

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

Help Feed our Children!

THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
for the **CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM.**

- . Single Serving PB & Jelly
- . Peanut Butter Crackers
- . Canned Soup (Pop top lids)
- . Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)
- . Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)
- . Individual Cereals
- . Granola Bars
- . Fruit Cups & Jello Cups
- . Oatmeal Packages
- . Small Bag Pretzels
- . Small Bag Chips

Please leave your
donations
in the drop boxes
at church.



Thank you!

Your donations continue to help the children who participate in the Weekend Children's Backpack Program in partnership with Good Shepard Baptist Church. We also collect 'regular food items' for families that have food insecurities.

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.*

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)

Circle Six Meeting – Bring a Friend!

Tuesday, September 5th at 6:00 PM

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Beaver Creek Reservation. This is our picnic meeting so please bring a covered dish to share. Also, bring your own beverage and place setting. Please feel free to bring a guest as well. Looking forward to seeing everyone and beginning our next year of Circle Six!

Sally Readinger, President



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

Coffee Chats Pastor Chris continue to be enjoyable and fun. Food is available as well as coffee. Everyone is welcome to participate, so please come out and join in!

“BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.
DO NOT FEAR OR BE IN DREAD
OF THEM, FOR IT IS THE LORD
YOUR GOD WHO GOES WITH YOU.
HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU OR
FORSAKE YOU.”

—Deuteronomy 31:6

“NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.
THE WORD ITSELF SAYS
I’M POSSIBLE!”

-Audrey Hepburn



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. 28	Spiritual Life visitations 1-4 PM
Tues., Aug. 29	Bible Study 7 PM Zoom
Wed., Aug. 30	YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM No Breeze Chapel
Thurs., Aug. 31	YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Sept. 3	Worship Service Communion 10 AM

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

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