



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The GOOD COMMUNITY

PART II: LOVE



Putting "Arms and Legs



on Christ's love in the world."

Sept. 10, 2023 | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Fugue in G minor", J.S. Bach

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

Leader: Tell the whole congregation of God's people:
This is a day for new beginnings.

**People: This is a time of God's appearing.
This is the moment for faithful response.**

Leader: Praise God in the assembly of the faithful.
Make melody to God and sing a new song.

**People: Praise God for life enriched by love.
Praise God for love that fulfills God's law.**

Leader: This is the hour to wake from our sleep.
The energy of God's love fills this place.

**People: Here we claim our identity as Christians.
Here we become the church of Jesus Christ.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #92 *"Love Divine"*

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

This is a festival day, glorious God, a day of remembering your faithfulness through the centuries, a time for celebrating your vibrant presence with us, a pause of anticipation for the seasons yet to be. We rejoice at the assurance that you take pleasure in us, that we are known by you, called by you, empowered by you to live honorably and humbly, in the spirit of Christ. We would exalt your name and sing for joy, knowing that we can trust you for the guidance and direction we need. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #505 *"Love Lifted Me"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ROMANS 13:8-14 #923

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "THE GOOD COMMUNITY"
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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: #466 *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Voluntary", Green

(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	Fred Helyes, Judy McCurdy, Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

"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!

Vacation, Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 12th- 15th

Please note that Pastor Chris will be out of the office for a vacation starting Tuesday. Please contact the church office at 440-988-4965 if you need anything. Thank you.

Bible Study, Breeze, & the Men's Breakfast are cancelled this week.



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

Everyone is welcome to participate,
so please come out and join in!

“MANY OF LIFE'S FAILURES ARE PEOPLE
WHO DID NOT REALIZE HOW CLOSE THEY
WERE TO SUCCESS WHEN THEY GAVE UP.”

-Thomas A. Edison

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)

Help Wanted

Someone called this past week and is looking to hire someone to clean his house roughly every other week. He could also use someone to do yardwork, especially get shrubs planted. He lives in Elyria off Gulf Road. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the church office at 440-988-4965.



“CROP HUNGER WALK”

Sun., Oct. 8, 2:00 PM | Meet at 5 point downtown Amherst

Please join us to help end hunger!

Everyone loves to walk for health reasons, but with the Crop Hunger Walk you not only help yourself, but you help others in your community and globally. Sign up today!

1. Get your pledge form from the church office.
2. Get sponsors/donations or just sponsor yourself.
3. Turn in pledges/form to Tom Jewell the day of the walk.

25% of monies raised go directly to the Amherst Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Baptist. Let's have a good attendance of walkers to show that HUNGER MATTERS to St. Peter's

Handbell Choir Resumes!

Handbell Choir rehearsal starts Thursday, Sept. 28th starting at 7:00 PM. We hope to everyone back as we head into fall.

Calling All Volunteers-Fall Cleaning Day!

The church will be having a cleaning day at the church on Saturday, September 23rd from 9-Noon. Anyone that can spare some time to help will be greatly appreciated!

Boy Scouts Mum Delivery | Sept. 12th | 6-8:00 PM

If you placed an order for mums, the Scouts will be here with the delivery in the parking lot at the back of the church. Please make sure to stop by to pick up your order. Thank you for supporting the Boy Scouts!



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., Sept. 11	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Tues., Sept. 12	Pastor Chris on vacation Tuesday-Friday Bible Study Cancelled
Wed., Sept. 13	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM Breeze Chapel Cancelled
Thurs., Sept. 14	YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Sept. 17	Worship Service

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
Afternoons available by appointment with Pastor Chris

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