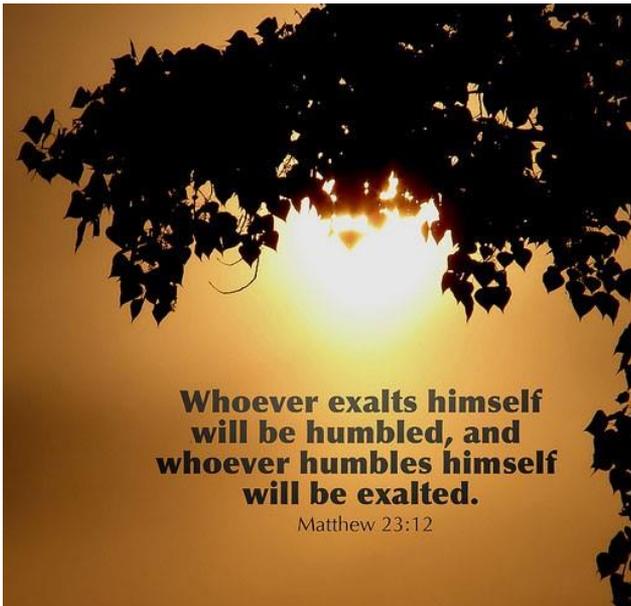




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



November 01, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

CALL TO WORSHIP: *From Psalm 118*

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Worship has begun.

PRELUDE: "Improvisation on 'Aurelia'" Arr. Daniel Jacky

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*OPENING HYMN: #37 "Hallelujah Chorus"

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* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 43

Prayer to God in Time of Trouble

Leader: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an
ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and
unjust deliver me!

All: For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have
you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?

Leader: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your
dwelling.

All: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding
joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“In the Name of the Lord”– Sandi Patty

Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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A TIME OF PRAYERFUL SHARING

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees

“Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

MESSAGE: C A P I

REFLECTION HYMN: #270 *"Wonderful Words of Life"*

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A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: *"What God Ordains is Good Indeed"* J. Pachelbel

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*Doxology #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.

*(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(sung)*:

#286 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* Verse 1

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A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*PARTING HYMN #284 "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" Bach

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Welcome Everyone! Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host.

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. Please fill out an attendance card: thank-you.

WORSHIP TEAM

Interim Senior Pastor
Zoom Director
Worship Producer
Organist
Scripture Reader

Pastor Arlen G. Vernava
Mary K. Kirsch
Brian Schieferstein
Daniel Jacky
Linda Gatz



Church News

Assistant Treasurer

St. Peter's is looking for an Assistant Treasurer. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Lauri Hubach at 440-988-2459 or treasurer@stpetersamherst.org for job details.

Sunday School

Sunday school for the upper grades is clicking along with Mr. Rice. Please feel free to bring your 5th grade and older kids to join in!

Sunday School for the younger ones is still online and can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/236897134377937> Ask to join and you will find videos, coloring pages, activities, and sometimes even snack ideas that correspond to the weekly in-church lesson.

From the Kurth/Bruce Family

The Kurth/Bruce family would like to thank the Compassionate Care Team, Pam Miskov, Jan Orseno, for your thoughtfulness and the beautiful rose bush.

It has been a tough year for our family, and we appreciate your thoughts and prayers to us all.





Hello all-

We have received a total of 17 profiles. These profiles have been reviewed and we have determined that there are 8 candidates we would like to interview. (6 men and 2 women)

The interview process has begun with 2 candidates scheduled for the week of October 26th.

We continue to pray that, as we meet with these pastors, we are ever mindful that we represent the heart of St. Peter's

Sincerely-
Your Search Committee

Preschool Dine to Donate

Preschool's Dine-To-Donate at Soul on Fire Pizza was such a hit that they are making it a monthly event. Due to a long wait period, they are adding another day to help with wait times.

This month you can order a yummy pizza on Wednesday, November 18 or Thursday, November 19 (240-8529). Just remember to mention you are from St. Peter's Preschool and they will receive 15% off all sales.

SubZero Mission

We are collecting again for the SubZero Mission during November.

They need coats, hats, gloves, boots and sleeping bags. All men's items- size M and up.

Please bring your donations to the church.



Are you or kiddos crafty?

Want to help????

Due to COVID, Compassionate Care has not been able to do visitation to our homebound or those in care centers. Recently, we received the OK to drop off “St Peter’s cares about you” bags, which will be quarantined for a day and then given to the specified person. The bags will be given out once a month.

Are you crafty or are you looking for something to give the kiddos or grandkids to do? We would love to have some handmade cards or short note to add to the bags. Something done by children always puts a smile on the receiver’s face!

We will be doing 10-15 bags per month. If you would like to donate any items, it would be appreciated. Some items are large print puzzle books, ink pens (no pencils please), adult coloring books & crayons, small boxes of raisins, small bags Goldfish crackers, chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc, hard candy, deck of cards, cube box of tissue, trial size toothpaste, hand lotion, deodorant, shampoo, chap stick, candy bars or anything you think they might enjoy. If you prefer not to go out to shop and would like to make a small donation, checks can be made out to St. Peter’s with a notation it is for Care bags and dropped at church office or mailed. If you prefer, cash may be dropped off at the church office in an envelope marked Care bags.

Items may be dropped off in the bin in Walker Lobby marked Care Bags.



Operation Christmas Child

One of the mission statements of St. Peter's Church is "caring for others". This year we have an opportunity to provide children who usually receive no gifts for Christmas with a shoebox filled with items that show you care and that express God's love for them.

Operation Christmas Child was begun by Samaritan's Purse in 1993 when Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son, received a call from a man in England about whether he would be willing to organize gifts in shoeboxes for the children in war torn Bosnia. That year the children in the Balkans received 28,000 Christmas Shoeboxes. The mission has grown from there and last year 10.5 million shoeboxes were collected and distributed to children in over 150 countries.

We have ordered shoeboxes, and pamphlets with suggestion on what you might like to pack in them. There are items that may not be included: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans. The shoeboxes will be available Sunday, November 1. The deadline for returning them to the church is Tuesday, November 17. We will transport them to our local drop-off location for you.

I have enjoyed doing this for years and hope you will join me in the fun.

Bless you all!

Linda Gatz

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be putting together food baskets for Thanksgiving dinner to hand out on November 12.

Items needed are:

Stove Top Stuffing	Instant Mashed Potatoes	Gravy
Corn Bread Mix	Canned Cranberry Sauce	Canned Yams

In addition to the food basked items, there is also a need for:

Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken) Kleenex Paper Towels
Canned Soup (Pop top lids)

Please leave your donations in the drop of boxes at the church.

Neighbors in Need

During the month of November, the UCC will be collecting for its Neighbors in Need program.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Contributions can be made online at:

https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/neighbors_in_need

St. Peter's Prayer Room

You are invited to join St. Peter's Prayer Room! We look forward to you joining us on Zoom where a name for prayer will be read and we will respond "Lord, hear our prayer". There will also be a time for you to submit yourself or someone you know for prayer. The meeting will be every Wednesday 1:00 -1:30 or before. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Nov 11. Please join us!!! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Compassionate Care.

Saint Peter's Prayer Room

Time: Nov 11, 2020

1:00 - 1:30 or before

Will continue every Wednesday

Join Zoom Meeting from computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/94084872220?pwd=ckJ2bURSZHllVW4xdEFLNHVrNnI1Zz09>

Join from Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220

Passcode: Prayer

OR Call in with phone:

1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220

Passcode: 022121

Zoom Worship

For our Zoom worship you will join one another through a free video and audio conference application. Download the Zoom app to your smartphone, computer, or tablet and use the meeting login below:

Topic: Sunday Morning Worship

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 Passcode: 379205

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Nov. 02	MovementWorks 2:30-3:15 PM
Tue, Nov. 03	MovementWorks 6:15-8:30 PM Bible Study 7PM Zoom
Wed, Nov. 04	Zoom Prayer Room 1:00 PM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30 PM
Thur, Nov. 05	MovementWorks 5:30-7:30 PM
Sat, Nov. 07	MovementWorks 9 AM- 12 PM
Sun, Nov. 08	Sunday Worship Service 10AM (Sanctuary/ Zoom)

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